



**2010 PARKS AND RECREATION
MASTER PLAN
2010 – 2020**

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RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS ADOPTING THE 2010 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN, AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, the Bedford City Council recognizes the need for a Parks and Recreation Master Plan (the “Plan”) to provide goals, needs assessments, standards, recommendations, and strategies for implementation over a ten-year period in an effort to provide for and continually improve park and recreational facilities, provide trail opportunities, preserve open space, and rehabilitate existing city parks; and

WHEREAS, the primary objective of the “Plan” is to provide parks and recreational services desired by the citizens of Bedford, acquire needed open spaces, and preserve natural resources; and

WHEREAS, in order to address recreational needs in the future, Bedford has sought citizen input through a survey, public input meetings, and city staff, and that input has been incorporated into the “Plan”; and

WHEREAS, the “Plan” complies with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department master plan guidelines which require parks and recreation needs to be prioritized and addressed in an action plan format; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford City Council determines that the “Plan” is reasonable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION I.

That the City of Bedford 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is officially adopted, as attached hereto and incorporated herein for all intents and purposes.

SECTION II.

That a ten-year Action Plan has been developed to prioritize implementation of the City of Bedford 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, guide the rehabilitation of existing parks and the potential acquisition of new park sites, and explore funding opportunities and mechanisms.

SECTION III.

That adoption of the City of Bedford 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan shall not commit the city to specific amounts of funding levels or implementation strategies, but shall provide guidance to the City Council for future consideration of indoor and outdoor recreational services for its citizens.

PRESENTED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE ____ day of _____, 2010, by a vote of ____ ayes, ____ nays, and ____ abstentions at a regular meeting of the Bedford City Council, Tarrant County, Texas.

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I. Introduction

Purpose of the Master Plan

Parks and recreation areas are one of the quality of life factors that demonstrate a city's commitment to meeting the needs of its citizens. A good park system requires a systematic approach to assessing population growth, adequate park acreage and locations, safe and attractive facilities, maintenance standards, funding, and the ability to adapt to change in a proactive manner.

This plan provides a framework to guide the City of Bedford's short and long-term decision making in the following ways: encouraging proper use of local and non-local financial resources; ensuring orderly acquisition and development of parks, recreation and open space; strategizing revitalization of existing recreational lands and facilities; preserving natural resources; attracting appropriate development by enhancing quality of life issues; and contributing to economic development within the city by enhancing the quality and availability of recreational facilities to serve new and existing customers. Such assessments will help city officials to identify new challenges and opportunities, and make recommendations for managing the city park system during the next ten years.

Period of Document

This master plan was prepared in 2010 and covers the ten-year period from 2010 to 2020. The plan will be updated in 2015, or as needed, in order to remain in compliance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) master plan guidelines. Such updates will include, at a minimum, a summary of accomplishments, recent public input, changes in inventory, and revised needs, priorities, and implementation strategies.

City Role in Providing Recreational Opportunities

The City of Bedford is the primary governmental entity charged with providing recreational facilities for its citizens. The park system currently includes recreation services at ten park sites throughout the city. Due to its proximity to other communities

in the Fort Worth area, citizens are also able to take advantage of additional facilities provided by neighboring cities including Hurst, Euless, Colleyville, North Richland Hills, and Grapevine. Bedford trails are planned to connect with trails in Hurst and Euless in order to expand recreational accessibility among communities.

Simultaneously with the development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the city's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Appendix A) was completed in September 2010. This plan does for municipal development what the park plan does for recreational development. Its framework recognizes the role of the park and recreation system in promoting the health and development potential of the community.



City Overview

Location

Bedford is located in Tarrant County northeast of Fort Worth. Lying between Hurst, Euless, and Colleyville, Bedford is west of the DFW International Airport. The main thoroughfare serving Bedford is SH 183/121. A Location/Tarrant County map is included as Appendix B.

History

The initial settlers of Bedford included numerous former Tennesseans and other Southerners, including Weldon W. Bobo from Bedford County, Tennessee, all looking for new opportunities after the Civil War. Bobo established the first store and post office in Bedford. By 1883, the population had increased to over 1,000. The prosperous community built a secondary school called the Bedford School which burned in 1893, but was rebuilt in 1912. Tragically, the school burned again in 1993 but was restored and now functions as a history center and meeting place. The Bedford School is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Unfortunately for the city, the incoming railroads constructed at the turn of the century were routed through other communities, enticing Bedford residents to move away and shrinking the city's population to near 50 individuals by 1909. The post office was closed and only one store remained.

After World War II, several major factors combined to spur growth for the city: development of nearby military bases and facilities, and establishment of The Bedford Boys Ranch, a home for young boys in 1949. As more improved roads were constructed in the area, the population steadily expanded throughout the remainder of the 20th century and the city was incorporated in 1953. In 1958, Bedford joined the Hurst-Euless School District which enticed young families to the area. In 1975, the city purchased The Bedford Boys Ranch which now serves as a social center and recreational park. With construction of the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and the subsequent expansion of the airline industry base in the area, Bedford grew rapidly throughout the 1980's and

'90's. Today the city is predominantly built out with no potential for further expansion because it is surrounded by neighboring cities. City zoning is shown in Appendix C. Lying near the heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, Bedford offers quick access to many business, cultural, and educational facilities throughout the area.

Local celebration events include the Fourth Fest (July 4) and the Bedford Blues & BBQ Fest (Labor Day weekend).



Climate

Bedford's climate is subtropical with hot, humid summers, and continental with a wide fluctuation in temperature extremes. The average low temperature is 34° F in January, and the average high is 95° F in July. The average annual growing season is 249 days, and rainfall averages 34 inches a year.

Geography

Bedford encompasses approximately 10 square miles within the Cross Timbers and Prairies ecoregion at 32°50'48"N and 97°8'23"W. Elevation is 597 feet above sea level.

Bedford lies above the Trinity Aquifer and within the drainage basin of the Trinity River. Little Bear Creek flows north of the city before joining the West Fork of the Trinity River which flows south of the city. Several smaller creeks meander through portions of the city.

Geology

Soils in Bedford consist of Byrone, Crosstell, Gasil, and Lader Urban Land Complexes (U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service. 1981. Soil Survey of Tarrant County, Texas).



Vegetation

Little remains of the original Fort Worth Prairie and Cross Timbers deciduous woodlands native to the Bedford area. Development has reduced such plant communities to stream corridors and a few relatively undisturbed areas. Typical plants in this area of north central Texas include cedar elm, post oak, cottonwood, pecan, willow, Texas ash, coralberry, skunkbush sumac, Mexican buckeye, elbow bush, little bluestem, bluebonnets, sunflowers, Engelmann daisy, grapes, and white honeysuckle.

Population

The 2000 Census shows Bedford's population at 47,152; the 2010 projection from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) predicts 48,699 residents, or a 3.3% increase. Between 2010 and 2020, the city is projected to grow by an additional 6.7%. Population density in Bedford is 4,713.6 people per square mile (Appendix D).

Table 1-1
Population Projections

	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Population	47,055*	48,638	48,699	49,434	50,210	50,395	50,636
Households	20,414*	21,143	21,172	21,516	21,821	21,905	21,987

*NCTCOG estimate adjusted from 2000 Census count. Approximately 28% of the 2000 population was under 20 years old, 67% was between 20 and 64, and 5% was 65 years of age or older.

Table 1-2
Population by Age

	1990	Percent	2000	Percent
Under 5	3,121	7.13	2,789	5.91
5-9	3,233	7.39	2,817	5.97
10-14	3,032	6.93	2,979	6.32
15-19	3,029	6.93	3,288	6.99

20-24	3,345	7.64	3,336	7.07
25-34	8,902	20.34	7,474	15.85
35-44	8,833	20.18	8,049	17.07
45-54	5,470	12.50	7,852	16.65
55-59	1,611	3.68	2,699	5.72
60-64	1,146	2.62	1,763	3.74
65-74	1,272	2.91	2,284	4.84
75-84	571	1.30	1,282	2.72
85+	197	0.45	540	1.15

The majority (84%) of Bedford residents are Caucasian. The breakout by race is shown below:

Table 1-3
Population % by Race

	Total	Anglo %	Black %	Hispanic* %	Other %
1990	43,762	89.90	2.58	4.62	2.90
2000	47,152	84.38	3.87	7.22	4.53

*Hispanics included in all races

Bedford's median household income was \$54,436; the median per capita income was \$29,466. In 1999, 2.4% of families fell below federal poverty level.

Table 1-4
2000 Population by Income Level

Income	Households	Percent
Less than \$10,000	647	3.2
\$10,000 to \$14,999	658	3.2
\$15,000 to \$19,999	897	4.4
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1,005	5
\$25,000 to \$29,999	1,238	6.1

\$30,000 to \$34,999	1,503	7.4
\$35,000 to \$39,999	1,092	5.4
\$40,000 to \$44,999	1,232	6
\$45,000 to \$49,999	977	4.8
\$50,000 to \$59,999	1,835	9.1
\$60,000 to \$74,999	2,373	11.6
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,914	14.4
\$100,000 to \$124,999	1,840	9
\$125,000 to \$149,999	919	4.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	784	3.8
\$200,000+	403	2
Total Households	20,317	100

Economy

The 2000 Census showed the city workforce (16 and older) at 27,876. The majority of workers are in management and professional positions (42%) and sales and office occupations (33%), with the remainder in service (10%), production/transportation (9%), and construction (6%). The major industries include retail (12%), transportation/utilities (12%), and manufacturing (11%).

Education

Approximately 20% of Bedford residents 25 and older have only a high school education; 25% have a bachelor's degree, and 10% have graduate degrees or postgraduate work. Approximately 12% of the population over five years old speaks a language other than English at home (2000 Census).

The city is served by the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District with six elementary schools, two junior high schools, and Pennington Field football stadium. Recreational facilities at these campuses are included in the inventory section of this plan (Table 5-4). All outdoor facilities are available to the public after school hours except for the football stadium.

Jurisdiction and Planning Areas

Bedford is divided into three park districts: north, south, and east, separated by the major physical barriers of SH 121 and 183 (Appendix F). Development priorities are enumerated for each district as listed in Section 7.



II. Goals and Objectives

Decisions relative to long-range recreation and parks planning reflect the city's sense of purpose, to be fulfilled through successful services and programs. The programs and/or services offered by the City of Bedford are based upon its philosophies, vision, and mission.

These goals and objectives were formulated from information gathered from a public survey, the 2000 Master Plan, public hearings, the City Council, the Parks and Recreation Board, and city staff.

Bedford Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Develop a diversified park system that will satisfy the varied recreational needs of citizens and protect and enhance the quality of life in Bedford.

Objectives:

1. Develop and implement programs that encourage public participation in both active and passive indoor/outdoor recreation programs.
2. Revise plans on a regular basis, with citizen preferences serving as a major input to this process.
3. Ensure that all relevant demographic groups are represented in parks planning.
4. Explore the development of a Capital Improvement Program, including bond funds.
5. Encourage and cultivate citizen input and expression of opinion as it relates to recreational needs.
6. Develop, update, and/or renovate existing parks and recreational facilities, structures, fixtures and amenities.
7. Look for opportunities to develop a pocket park(s) in southwest Bedford.
8. Construct a dog park to meet city-wide demand.
9. Design outdoor recreation facilities, to include picnic areas, fields, courts,

playgrounds, trails, parking lots, restrooms and other active and supporting facilities to be accessible to individuals and organized groups of all physical capabilities, skill levels, age groups, income, and activity interests.

10. Incorporate public art into the parks, recreation, and leisure services where appropriate.

Goal 2: Create a system of pedestrian and bicycle linkages (connections) between residential neighborhoods, businesses, linear greenbelts, schools, public administrative facilities, and other activity centers as an alternative to automobile transportation.

Objectives:

1. Utilize trails, wherever possible, to connect residential areas with schools, parks and other public facilities.
2. Require developers to provide walking, jogging, cycling and skating pathways within large private developments through parkland dedication guidelines.
3. Design an interconnected, multifunctional parks and open space system which protects important natural, cultural and visual resources while providing appropriate opportunities for recreation.
4. Integrate planned trails with other public and private trail plans where possible.
5. Coordinate planning efforts with those of adjacent cities, including Hurst, Euless, and Colleyville.
6. Implement and support a plan that would include identifying and creating on-road bicycle routes, widening city sidewalks to trail width in certain areas, and dedicating certain areas as trail easements.

7. Create trailhead improvements that furnish trail systems with appropriate supporting services including interpretive and directory signage, rest areas, drinking fountains, landscaping, restrooms, parking and other services.
8. Install trail lighting, telephones, emergency call boxes, or other means at major trailheads or other appropriate locations by which trail users can summon fire, emergency aid, police, and other safety and security personnel should the need arise.
9. Replace the deteriorated asphalt trail along Cheek Sparger with a concrete trail wide enough to support multiple user types (i.e. bicyclists, walkers, joggers, roller bladers, etc.).

Goal 3: Preserve and protect Bedford's natural environment and native ecosystems to the greatest extent possible.

Objectives:

1. Identify and designate protected areas from future development that are wildlife corridors such as ponds, creeks, wetlands, unique natural areas with established understory tree canopies, ecologically sensitive areas, and other areas that support wildlife.
2. Encourage development designed to minimize impact upon the community's natural resources and visual appeal.
3. Conserve and protect ecologically sensitive and naturally beautiful areas, such as floodplains along creeks.
4. Establish and/or enhance green space and natural areas along floodplains, and promote public access to greenbelt areas with a multifunctional trail system (e.g., cycling, hiking trails).

5. Preserve and respect areas with natural features such as steep slopes, native grasses/wildflowers, and/or scenic views.
6. Encourage and promote water conservation through the use of native plant materials, xeriscape plantings, and other methods.
7. Maintain high air quality standards.

Goal 4: Provide for high quality image, landscape, and visual unity for the entire city through planning and expanding beautification efforts.

Objectives:

1. Develop a city-wide landscape plan that incorporates the design and conservation elements of native plant materials while maximizing and highlighting beautification efforts in city medians, rights-of-way, gateways, entry points, facilities, and parks through plantings and other visual imagery.
2. Continue beautification efforts through landscape design and general maintenance with qualified staff personnel and/or third party contractors where feasible.
3. Work with developers on landscape selection to include manageable trees, location of planted trees, shrubs, etc. in medians and rights-of-ways where feasible.

Goal 5: Use private, county, state and national resources as well as city resources to improve the park system.

Objectives:

1. Leverage city and private funding against county, state and federal funding to obtain the most cost effective use of funds.
2. Use training provided by other agencies to build the city's expertise.
3. Enter into joint ventures with private agencies where feasible.
4. Develop joint projects with HEB ISD when possible.

Goal 6: Expand economic growth, improve the quality of life for citizens and promote economic development opportunities through parks, recreation and open space planning and programming.

Objectives:

1. Aggressively promote the benefits of parks and recreation through creative planning and programming, realizing that these benefits can be effective tools for increasing property values, promoting economic development by attracting new businesses, and improving the city's image.
2. Plan and design parks and recreational facilities that are accessible to all individuals and meet the needs of the community they serve.
3. Create, promote and participate in events which address the core values of the community.
4. Develop landscape plans for high visibility areas that include parks, major thoroughfares, intersections, and public facilities.

Goal 7: Increase safety and reduce maintenance and operational costs throughout the park system.

Objectives:

1. Reduce maintenance costs by using state of the art materials and design details.
2. Evaluate standards to assess and correct safety related issues at existing facilities.
3. Explore the use of vandal-resistant materials in all new construction.
4. Promote the use of native plant materials and other species that require little water.
5. Work with the Police and Fire Departments to reduce the potential for vandalism and other crimes in public areas.



III. Plan Development Process

The City of Bedford previously prepared a park and recreation master plan in 2000. This plan was not submitted to TPWD for approval. The 2000 plan has now expired and the City commissioned the DFL Group, LLC to prepare the 2010 Bedford Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Plan Review Process and Public Input

Major planning activities included:

- June 3 – First meeting between consultant and Park Board
- July 1 – Public workshop for citizen input held with Park Board
- July 12 – Survey distributed at all public facilities and included on city web site
- August 13 – Survey results compiled
- August 16, 19; September 2; October 7 – Additional Park Board workshops held to develop goals and objectives, priorities, and other elements of the plan
- November 11 – Joint presentation to the Bedford City Council and Park Board
- December 2 – Park Board workshop
- December 14 – Adoption by Bedford City Council

The City Council, city staff, and the general public have all contributed significantly in the development phase of this plan. Looking forward, with a wealth of public input, and the assistance of the City Council and staff, the 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan will assist the city in making future decisions regarding its developing system of recreational lands and facilities.

Updates to the Plan

The plan will be periodically reviewed to ensure that the goals and priorities reflect the changing demographics and expectations of the citizens of Bedford. A five-year update will be submitted to TPWD to include accomplishments and changes affecting the plan.



IV. Area and Facility Concepts and Standards

Definition and Use of Standards

Allocation of space according to type of use is one of the primary decisions with which communities are continually faced. Such decisions are usually made based upon standards for the residential, commercial, industrial, educational, recreational, and public use development patterns which the community desires to encourage or enforce through zoning regulations or other methods. A standard is a minimum acceptable spatial allocation measure. Recreational standards may be developed for park type, size, and location; facility development; accessibility for the physically challenged; parking, utilities, and other infrastructure; access to natural resources; open space; programming; and other considerations.

Development of recreational standards is an effective way to provide guidelines for making decisions about how much acreage to acquire, where it should be located, and what facilities should be included at each site to properly serve the affected population.

National versus Local Standards

National recreational standards have been developed through the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), and these may be helpful as communities assess their recreational needs and how best to meet them. However, the uniqueness of each community due to geographical, cultural, climatic, and socioeconomic characteristics makes it more likely that each community will need to develop its own standards for recreation, parks, and open space. The Bedford Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan will take the national standards into consideration while applying local standards.

Recreational Land Use Functions

Recreation – space and facilities for people to engage in active and passive recreation activities. Although the interest in various activities may change over time, the space necessary for various facilities remains constant (e.g., baseball field or swimming pool). This function will include both space (acreage) and facility standards.

Open Space – structured or non-structured, relatively undeveloped areas mostly suitable for passive recreation. This may include plazas, greenbelts, gardens and other spaces which humanize the urban environment but vary greatly according to the use and characteristics of the site.

Conservation – natural resource areas that allow for varying levels of recreational pursuits. Protection and management of these resources cannot be constrained by ascribing arbitrary acreage or locational standards, but must be considered within the context of community or regional plans and policies. Special guidelines may be necessary regarding ownership and management strategies.

Organizational – land use for administration and maintenance buildings for the park system itself.

Standards Criteria

Criteria for park and recreation standards must: 1) reflect the needs of the people in the service area, 2) be realistic and attainable, 3) be acceptable and useful to management and policy makers, and 4) be based on sound analysis of the best available information. The city will strive to incorporate these criteria in each standard developed for the parks system.

Park Classification Types

Development of spatial and facility standards must include consideration of park classification types. Generally recognized classifications include the following:

Pocket Park - A pocket park is a small (usually less than 1 acre) park developed with elements such as sidewalks, fountains, shelters, benches, and in residential areas, playgrounds and picnicking. Pocket parks are meant to serve only residents in the immediate area with no parking provided.

Neighborhood Park - A neighborhood park is a site of approximately 5 to 10 acres and serves an area within a one-half mile radius with both active and passive recreational opportunities. Facilities typically found in neighborhood parks include play apparatus, picnic areas, shelters, play courts, unlighted play fields, restrooms, walking/jogging trails, natural open space, parking, swimming pools, and tennis courts. Occasionally, a neighborhood park may include a small parking lot, but most users walk from their homes to the park.

Community Park - A community park is a site of approximately 40 to 150 acres with a service radius area of two miles. Facilities usually included in such a park are tennis courts, shelters, separate or multi-purpose sports fields, play apparatus, picnic areas, walking/jogging trails, recreation centers, swimming pools, open space, and restrooms.

Since community parks draw from a large area, parking must be provided. Because of the recreational opportunities provided, community parks often also serve as neighborhood parks.

City Park - A city park can range in size, but holds special significance within a municipal park system. Its service area is intended to encompass the entire city. It may support a variety of recreational facilities including athletic fields, trails, playgrounds, natural areas and open space. Major city parks are generally located with special attention given to historical significance, natural characteristics, amenities, wetlands, easements and/or floodplains. Major city parks should be located adjacent to a major thoroughfare to accommodate the traffic volumes generated by the recreational facilities located there.

Special Use Park - A special use park is similar to a city park in that it draws users from the entire city. However, it differs in that recreational opportunities are limited to one or possibly two facilities. Facility space requirements are the primary determinants of site size and location. For example, a golf course may require 150 acres, whereas a community center with parking may only require 10 or 15 acres. Potential special uses include baseball/softball complexes, soccer complexes, tennis centers, sports stadiums, performing arts facilities, amphitheaters, lake parks, community centers, and golf courses.

Open Space Area - Open space, greenbelts and natural areas are usually developed around a significant natural resource such as creeks, rivers, significant vegetation, lake shore, or other major natural feature. The potential benefits of these parks are numerous. Not only can they preserve valuable open space and natural habitat, they can provide a natural environment for walking, jogging, and bicycling trails, and provide a transportation corridor linking neighborhoods to parks, schools, and shopping areas. These parks may also provide a variety of passive recreational opportunities free, or relatively free, from automobile interference. They may also serve as natural buffers between developed properties, store floodwaters, and can sometimes be acquired at a relatively inexpensive price due to the restrictions on development.

Design standards for greenbelts or linear parks are relatively loose in order to allow the maximum use of the natural environment in the design. These corridor widths are often determined by the existing topography, severity of flooding, and other unique natural features. Greenbelt corridors of less than fifty (50) "useable" feet should be avoided and narrow corridor sections kept to a minimum. One-hundred-foot corridor widths and wider give flexibility in design and are encouraged wherever possible.

Natural areas are prime open space opportunities, sometimes containing ecosystems in a non-disturbed state with minimal man-made intrusions. These areas lend a certain aesthetic and functional diversity to a park network and urban landscape. Although the benefits of natural areas are hard to quantify, they are numerous and include preservation of wildlife habitat and opportunities for nature study. When floodplains are preserved as natural areas they offer a resource to aid in protection from flooding. A resource-based approach to natural area planning should be used in Bedford, due to the unique character and availability of natural resources. This approach enables the city to identify the natural resources unique to the area, such as the lakes and creeks and rivers, and define how those areas will be integrated into the parks system in order to best satisfy the needs of the citizens.

There are no national standards for natural areas within a city due to the extreme variations in natural resources from region to region. Bedford should adopt open space policies which reflect the unique natural resources of the community. Open spaces with environmental significance should be included in the level of service standard only to the extent to which they provide users with passive and active recreational opportunities. Open space, such as perennial wetlands and/or inaccessible areas, which does not provide users with recreational opportunities may not be a desirable acquisition.

Bedford Park Classifications

Neighborhood Parks: Brookhollow Park, Carousel Park, Monterrey Park



BROOKHOLLOW PARK

Community Parks: Bedford Boys Ranch, Central Park, Stormie Jones Park

Linear Park: Bedford Trails, Bedford Trails West, Bedford Trails East

Special Use Park: Meadow Park (athletic complex – owned by HE BISD; leased and operated by the City of Bedford)

Park Acreage Standard

The acreage standard influences the acquisition and development of park land and is also used as a measure of performance and program effectiveness. Based on observation and measurement over time in communities nationwide, population ratio is the professionally accepted standard for park acreage based on acres of park land per 1,000 residents. This



CAROUSEL PARK

standard is simple to calculate and is easily updatable during periods of population growth. It is a flexible planning guideline that should be used in conjunction with other factors such as usage rates, park locations, and site carrying capacity.

The national service goal suggested by the NRPA for park acreage is 25 acres per 1,000 residents; Bedford's current standard is 1 acre per 250 person, or 4 acres per 1,000. The current level of service in Bedford is 139.5 acres for 48,699 residents, or 2.86 acres per 1,000 residents. Acreage deficits from 2010 through 2020 are noted in Section VI in Table 6-1, Recreational Needs Assessment.



STORMIE JONES PARK

TABLE 4.1
Park Classification and Acreage

Park Name	Park Classification	Site Area (Acres)
Carousel Park	Neighborhood Park	1
Bedford Boys Ranch	Community Park	68
Meadow Park**	Special Use Park	11
Bedford Trails West	Linear Park	32
Bedford Trails East	Linear Park	*
Bedford Trails	Linear Park	*
Stormie Jones Park	Community Park	13
Central Park	Community Park	5
Monterrey Park	Neighborhood Park	0.5

Brookhollow Park	Neighborhood Park	9
	TOTAL	139.5

*All trail acreage combined in Bedford Trails West

** Meadow Park is leased from HEB ISD

Although the standard of 4 acres per 1,000 is comparatively low nationwide, it is obvious from Table 4-3 following that neighboring cities in the DFW Metroplex have more stringent standards as well as a larger number of recreational facilities which are available to the residents of Bedford in addition to those provided by the city.

Facility Standards

Although national standards have been developed for most types of recreational facilities, these standards are frequently modified to meet local needs. Bedford has developed its own standards for the 2010-2020 decade. Table 4-2 shows this update from the 1995 standards.

TABLE 4-2

Bedford 2010 Standards

Facility	Units Required	Per Capita
Park Land (Acres)	4 Per	1,000
Pavilions	1 Per	14,000
Picnic Tables	1 Per	400
Shelters	1 Per	5,000
Playgrounds	1 Per	2,400
Basketball Courts	1 Per	15,000
Tennis Courts	1 Per	4,500
Volleyball Courts	1 Per	10,000

Bedford 1995 Standards

Facility	Units Required	Per Capita
Park Land (Acres)	4.1 Per	1,000
Pavilions	1 Per	50,000
Picnic Tables	1 Per	500
Shelters	1 Per	3,333
Playgrounds	1 Per	3,666
Basketball Courts	1 Per	10,666
Tennis Courts	1 Per	2,777
Volleyball Courts		

Fishing	1 Per	48,700
Disc Golf	1 Per	48,700
Little League Baseball	1 Per	11,000
Softball field - Adult/Girls	1 Per	18,000
Practice / Multi-purpose Field	1 Per	7,000
Soccer Fields	1 Per	7,000
Football Fields	1 Per	48,700
Trails (Miles)	1 Per	6,000
Horseshoe Pits	1 Per	16,200
Shuffleboard Courts	1 Per	48,700
Washer Pits	1 Per	48,700
Aquatic Facilities	1 Per	24,300
Recreation Centers	1 Per	48,700
Senior Center	1 Per	48,700
Splash Pad	1 Per	48,700
In-line Hockey	1 Per	48,700
Skateboard	1 Per	48,700
Dog Park	1 Per	48,700

Fishing		
Disc Golf		
Little League Baseball	1 Per	12,000
Softball field - Adult/Girls	1 Per	10,666
Practice / Multi-purpose Field		
Soccer Fields	1 Per	3,333
Football Fields		
Trails (Miles)	1 Per	9,090
Horseshoe Pits		
Shuffleboard Courts		
Washer Pits		
Aquatic Facilities	1 Per	25,000
Recreation Centers	1 Per	25,000
Senior Center		
Splash Pad		
In-line Hockey		
Skateboard		
Dog Park		



MONTERREY PARK

TABLE 4-3

Comparative Standards

Facility	Hurst	Grapevine	Keller	North Richland Hills	Colleyville	Euless	National Recreation & Park Association
Local Park Land (Acres/1000)	12	11.25-20.5	18.0	12-15.5	11.25-20.5	8.5-13	11.25-20.5
Pavilions (1/Population)	2,000		1,500	2,000	2,000	7,000	60,000
Picnic Tables (1/Population)		300			300		
Shelters (1/Population)						13,000	10,000
Playgrounds (1/Population)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,000	2,800	
Basketball Courts (1/Population)	2,000	5,000	3,000	2,000	5,000	15,000	5,000
Tennis Courts (1/Population)	2,000	2,000	2,500	3,000	2,000	5,500	2,000
Volleyball Courts (1/Population)	5,000	5,000	5,500	10,000	5,000	10,000	
Fishing/Boating (1/Population)						25,000	
Disc Golf (1/Population)				30,000			
T Ball Field(1/Population)			25,000			10,500	
In-line Hockey(1/Population)	30,000		30,000	50,000			
Football (1/Population)	20,000	20,000	25,000	30,000	20,000	50,000	
Splash Pad(1/Population)			30,000	30,000		25,000	
Little League Baseball (1/Population)	5,000	5,000	4,500	5,000	5,000	4,000	5,000
Softball Field - Girls (1/Population)			5,000				5,000
Softball Field - Adult (1/Population)	5,000	5,000	20,000	5,000	5,000	6,500	30,000
Practice Field (1/Population)	3,000		2,000	2,500		4,500	
Soccer Fields (1/Population)	3,000	10,000	7,000	6,000	10,000	5,500	10,000
Trails (1 Mile/Population)	2,000	10,000	1,000	1,200	10,000	5,000	10,000
Horseshoe Pit (1/Population)			10,000	6,000			
Shuffleboard Court (1/Population)							
Washer Pit (1/Population)				6,000			
Aquatic Facilities (1/Population)	20,000	20,000	20,000	60,000	20,000	50,000	20,000
Recreation Centers (1/Population)	20,000	20-30,000	40,000	60,000	20-30,000		
Dog Park(1/Population)	30,000		40,000	30,000			
Skateboard(1/Population)	30,000		30,000	60,000			

Open Space Standard

For purposes of this master plan, open space is defined to meet the Texas Recreation and Parks Account scoring criteria definition: “natural open space land or water for human use and enjoyment that is relatively free of man-made structures. Open space may include creek corridors, floodplains, natural drainage basins, and areas which may be enhanced for native habitat.”

Bedford has identified several open space areas and creek corridor pathways as potential acquisitions (Appendix H - Framework Plan). The most significant, and the highest priority for acquisition, is the 10-acre tract adjacent to Monterrey Park in the far south area of the city in Park District 3. This site represents the last remnant of Cross Timbers oak forest in Bedford. Primary potential open space acquisitions by park district include:

District 1 – tract near Bedford Boys Ranch in the north area of the city, and a tract near SH 121 in the northeast area of the city

District 2 – two tracts near Stormie Jones Park in the east area of the city

District 3 – tract near Monterrey Park in the far south area of the city, and a creek corridor tract in the south central area of the city

The minimum standard for open space will require at least two acres per developed park site, with substantially more acreage preferred. It is not currently feasible to ensure two acres of open space at every existing park in Bedford; however the city’s overall availability of open space is currently adequate. Additional open space areas may be designated in the future, even if they are less than two acres in size, in order to preserve critical natural resources or habitat areas.

Organizational Standards

Bedford's Community Services Department oversees the Parks Division, Recreation Division, Aquatics Division, the Senior Center, Old Bedford School, the Library, and Special Events. Staff includes 14 personnel in Parks and five in Recreation. The combined 2010 budget for Parks, Recreation, and Aquatics was \$2,326,964. Due to the current state economic situation (national recession), the budget for these divisions will most likely remain at the same level for at least the next budget year with no significant cuts to services. The standard for park and recreation personnel will remain at the current level until park usage and facility maintenance demand an increase. Current administrative and maintenance facility space is considered adequate for the existing park system.



BEDFORD BOYS RANCH

V. Inventory of Existing Facilities

Purpose of an Inventory of Existing Parks and Open Space

Key elements of the park planning process include understanding which park and open space facilities are currently available to city residents (Appendix G – Existing Facilities), evaluating the condition and spatial location of those facilities and open space areas, and determining whether or not the facilities and open space areas address the current recreational needs of the city. Comparison of available recreation facilities and open space areas with the number and needs of users of those facilities and open space areas will shed light on the need for new or improved locations, facilities, and services. Appendix H – Framework Plan locates city parks; schools; public facilities; potential sites for future parks, trails, and open space; and potential trail connections to neighboring trail systems in Hurst and Euless.



SOTOGRADE PARK

Components of the Existing Parks Inventory

The following components are necessary to give an accurate rendition of the state of the parks and recreation system in Bedford. Some of the criteria, however, are not included in the tables in this section, but are discussed elsewhere in this document.

Classification: Determination of the purpose of any given facility, such as pocket park, neighborhood park, city park, linear park, special purpose park, or other classification specific to Bedford

Location: Concerns the location of the park in relation to the population it serves, accessibility, and amount of use

Service area: Limits of the area served by each park, including any major thoroughfares or natural barriers to accessing the park

Park size: Acreage, sufficiency to accomplish intended purposes

Facilities: Type of facilities, appropriateness to park classification

Condition: General condition of park facilities

Special considerations: Accessibility for physically challenged, amount of open space versus development, protection of natural or cultural resources, or other issues specific to an individual site

Bedford Park System

Individual recreation facilities (outdoor and indoor) and support facilities are presented in the following tables. It should be noted that some items such as picnic tables and pavilions are included in the support facilities table even though they are generally considered recreation facilities.

TABLE 5-1

Inventory of Outdoor Recreation Facilities by Park Site

	Carousel Park	Bedford Boys Ranch	Meadow Park	Bedford Trails West	Bedford Trails East	Bedford Trails	Stormie Jones Park	Central Park	Monterrey Park	Brookhollow Park
T-ball										
Baseball-Game Field 305			2							
Baseball-Game Field 275		1								
Baseball-Game Field 150		1								
Baseball-Game Field 135		1								
Baseball-Practice Field										
Boat Ramp										
Softball-Game Field										
Softball-Practice Field										
Multipurpose Field		2								1
Basketball Courts										
Basketball Goal		1								
Bird Watching Station										
Exercise Station				1			1			
Lake		1								
Fishing Piers		1								
Historic Tree										
Horseshoe		3								
Outdoor Classroom										
Playground	2	4	1	3	1		2	2	2	1
Pool								1		
Water Park		1								
Splash Pads										
Skateboard										
Soccer -Game Field		2	2				2			
Soccer-Practice Field		1					1			
Tennis Courts (Lighted)		6								
Trail-Paved (Lighted)		8260		5560*	7910*	5495*	3455	1420		1465
Trail-Asphalt				1495						
Trail -Widths										

Volleyball Courts (Sand)		2					1	1		
Inline Skate		1								
Shuffleboard		1								
Washer Pit										

* Not Lighted

TABLE 5-2

Inventory of Support Facilities by Park

	Carousel Park	Bedford Boys ranch	Meadow Park	Bedford Trails West	Bedford Trails East	Bedford Trails	Stormie Jones Park	Central Park	Monterrey Park	Brookhollow Park
Benches		19	2	6	6	3	4	3	1	2
Bike Rack		1						1		
Concession Bldg		1	1							
Grills	1	8		2	2		3	3	1	3
Group Grills	1	3		1			1			
Fire Pit		1								
Irrigation		Yes*	Yes	Yes*				Yes	Yes	
Lighting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Parking Spaces (Paved)	4	476	205				92		0	0
Parking Spaces (Handicap)		49	9				4		0	0
Pavilion		2								
Pedestrian Bridges		2			3					1
Restrooms		2**	1				1			
Picnic Tables	4	45	5	9	7		10	8	1	7
Shelter	1	2		1			1			1***
Water Fountains	2	3		2	2		3	1	1	3

*Park partially irrigated

**One Restroom out of operation

***Canvas Shade Structure

TABLE 5-3

Inventory of Indoor Recreation Bedford Boys Ranch

Gymnasium	1
Basketball Courts (Full)	1
Basketball Courts (Half)	4
Volleyball	1
Indoor Classroom	3
Weight Room	1
Cardio Room	1
Kitchen	1
Multi Purpose Room	1
Theater	1
Art Center	1
Senior Center	1

City Facilities Developed with Grant Assistance from TPWD

Bedford has been the recipient of four matching fund grants from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: Central Park acquisition (48-00279) and development (48-00623), Bedford Boys Ranch (48-00327), and Bedford Trail (48-00730). All three sites remain open to the public, are maintained in a safe and attractive condition, and have acknowledgement signs in place. The city will complete a self-certification report for each site upon notification by TPWD that such reports are due.

HEB ISD Recreation Facilities

Outdoor recreation facilities at the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District campuses are available for use by the public outside of school hours and restricted periods of use.

TABLE 5-4

Inventory of HEB ISD Recreational Facilities

	Bedford Heights Elementary	Spring Garden Elementary	Meadow Creek Elementary	Bell Manor Elementary	Stonegate Elementary	Shady Brook Elementary	Bedford Junior High	Harwood Junior High
Practice Athletic Field	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fitness Course	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Playground	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Football Field							1	1
Tennis Court							2	2
Picnicking	1					1		
Basketball Court	1	1	1		1	1		

Note: HEB ISD recreational facilities are open to public use after regular school hours only.



CENTRAL PARK

VI. Needs Assessment and Identification

Needs Assessment Methodologies

The needs assessment is a critical component of park and recreation planning. The analysis of facilities needed to meet the city's goals and objectives and the needs identified by the public allows the city to prioritize the most critical needs. The three standard methodologies for evaluating current and future park needs include:

Standards-based assessment - use of nationally or locally developed criteria for determining level of service based on demand studies and/or professional judgment of recreation planners.

Demand-based assessment - use of anticipated growth data, user participation rates, and surveys or other public input.

Resource-based assessment - based on unique physical and natural features and their usefulness in providing recreational opportunities.

The methodology selected may depend on site classification and the nature of the recreation provider. Most commonly, all three methods are utilized to present the most complete picture of the provider's needs for recreational lands and facilities. This master plan will apply each of the three methodologies, individually or simultaneously, as appropriate.

Standards-based Needs Assessment

After reviewing national and local standards from other communities, the City of Bedford has determined the following standards for park acreage and facility development. Needs are computed for 2010, 2015, and 2020.

TABLE 6-1

Recreational Needs Assessment

Facility	Units Reqd.	Per Capita	Based on population numbers. Units needed as of:			Units as of 8-1- 10	Needs as of 8-1-10	Needs as of 8-1-15	Needs as of 8-1-20
			<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2020</u>				
			48,699	49,434	50,210				
Park Land (Acres)	4 Per	1,000	195	198	201	139.5	55	58	61
Pavilions	1 Per	14,000	4	4	4	3	1	1	1
Picnic Tables	1 Per	400	122	124	126	101	21	23	25
Shelters	1 Per	5,000	10	10	10	7	3	3	3
Playgrounds	1 Per	2,400	20	21	21	18	2	3	3
Basketball Courts	1 Per	15,000	3	3	3	1	2	2	2
Tennis Courts*	1 Per	4,500	11	11	11	6	5	5	5
Volleyball Courts	1 Per	10,000	5	5	5	4	1	1	1
Fishing	1 Per	48,700	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Disc Golf	1 Per	48,700	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Little League Baseball	1 Per	11,000	4	4	5	3	1	1	2
Softball field - Adult/Girls	1 Per	18,000	3	3	3	2	1	1	1
Practice / Multi-purp Field	1 Per	7,000	7	7	7	5	2	2	2
Soccer Fields	1 Per	7,000	7	7	7	6	1	1	1
Football Fields	1 Per	48,700	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Trails (Miles)**	1 Per	6,000	8.12	8.24	8.37	2.77	5.35	5.47	5.60
Horseshoe Pits	1 Per	16,200	3	3	3	3	0	0	0
Shuffleboard Courts	1 Per	48,700	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Washer Pits	1 Per	48,700	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Aquatic Facilities	1 Per	24,300	2	2	2	2	0	0	0
Recreation Centers	1 Per	48,700	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Senior Center	1 Per	48,700	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Splash Pad	1 Per	48,700	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
In-line Hockey	1 Per	48,700	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Skateboard	1 Per	48,700	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Dog Park	1 Per	48,700	1	1	1	0	1	1	1

* - Does not include
Sotogrande

** - Concrete trails only

Demand-based Needs Assessment

A survey of Bedford residents was conducted to determine public opinion regarding existing park and recreation facilities and future needs (Appendix I). Copies were made available at all public facilities including City Hall, Public Library, Senior Center, and the Boys Ranch Activity Center. A separate survey was conducted specifically for senior citizens (Appendix K). A brief summary of the results of the general survey are compiled in the Table 6-2; a summary of the senior survey results is shown in Table 6-3 later in this section. Survey results were a critical component for determining facility development priorities for the next decade. Compilation of general survey responses is provided in Appendix J, and senior responses are shown in Appendix L.



MEADOW PARK

TABLE 6-2

General Survey Summary

(Note: Respondents could choose more than one activity.)

Which recreational programs are most important?

- | | |
|-------------------|-------|
| • Fitness classes | 36.1% |
| • Dog park | 36.1% |
| • Adult programs | 25.9% |
| • Biking | 24.8% |
| • Water exercise | 27.1% |
| • Arts | 22.9% |

Which athletic facilities should be added or expanded?

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| • Baseball fields | 22.1% |
| • Practice fields | 21.3% |
| • Soccer fields | 20.6% |
| • Tennis courts | 18.4% |
| • Sand volleyball courts | 17.1% |
| • Softball fields | 16.3% |

Which recreational facilities should be added or expanded?

- | | |
|------------------------|-------|
| • Hike/bike trails | 52.9% |
| • Multi-purpose center | 40.1% |
| • Open space | 38.3% |
| • Shelters/pavilions | 38.3% |
| • Playgrounds | 34.8% |
| • Indoor pool | 33.5% |

Should the City make it a priority to acquire more open space?

- | | |
|-------|-------|
| • Yes | 60.2% |
| • No | 23.3% |

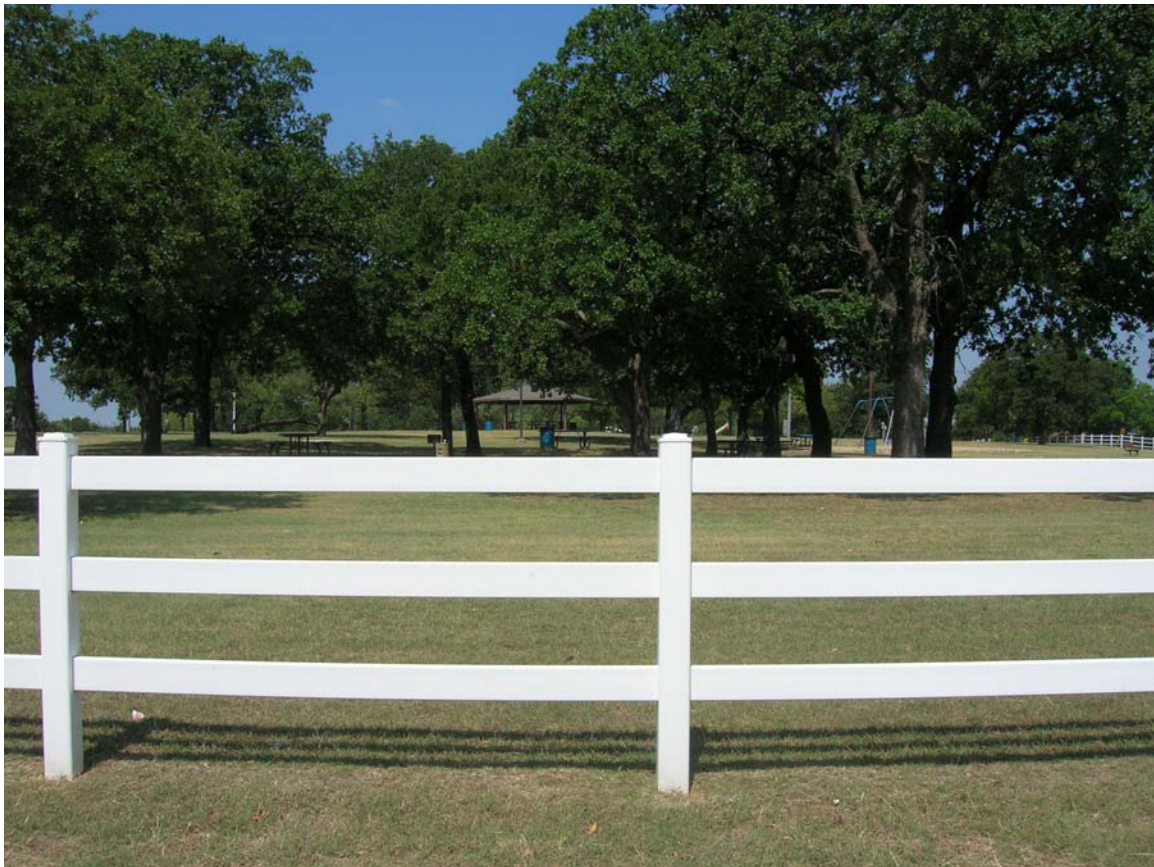
How should the City fund new park facilities?

- | | |
|-----------------|-------|
| • Bond programs | 59.0% |
| • General fund | 43.4% |
| • User fees | 36.1% |

The most important programs identified included fitness classes, a dog park, adult programs, biking, water exercise, and arts. Respondents felt athletic facility expansion of baseball fields, practice fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, sand volleyball courts, and softball fields was needed. New facilities should include hike/bike trails, a multi-purpose

center, shelters/pavilions, playgrounds, and an indoor pool. A majority of respondents agreed that it was important to acquire more open space (60%) and fund new park facilities, mainly through bond programs (59%). Overall, condition of the parks and quality of recreational experience was seen as positive (near 50%).

Fitness classes and a dog park tied for most popular activity (36%). Health and wellness activities, water exercise, adult programs, arts, biking, hiking, soccer, tennis, fishing, and youth programs also received high marks. Athletic facilities popularly targeted for expansion included track/field, football fields, basketball courts, softball and baseball fields, volleyball courts, soccer fields, and practice fields, all receiving more than 35%. Recreational facilities in need of addition or expansion included an outdoor pool, water play, fishing areas, an indoor pool, a skateboard park, and a botanic garden all receiving more than 20%.



BEDFORD TRAILS WEST

Resource-based Needs Assessment

The Framework Plan (Appendix H) maps out the creeks and other natural resource areas within the city and locates potential acquisition properties. As detailed in the previous Goals and Objectives section, the city places a priority on preserving these resources and making them available to the public as appropriate. The city is currently built out, and much natural habitat has been converted to residential and commercial uses. However, given adequate funding scenarios, the city is eager to add resource-based acreage and facilities to the park and recreation system. The city is developing a plan to reclaim the creek corridor within the Bedford Boy's Ranch, and places a priority on the acquisition of the 10-acre oak forest site adjacent to Monterrey Park. Other creek corridors, greenways, wetlands, ponds, open spaces, and wildlife habitat will be acquired as resources become available.

Senior Needs

Facilities which serve the general public may also serve particular needs of senior citizens. Generally these facilities are more passive in nature rather than competitive sports. Bedford's seniors (over 62) comprise 11% of the population, comparable to the national rate of 10%. The city considers it a priority to include facility planning for seniors. A survey conducted specifically to determine what issues and facilities were important to this population is summarized in Table 6-3. The complete survey results are included in Appendix L.

TABLE 6-3 **Senior Survey Summary**

(Note: Respondents could choose more than one activity.)

Which recreational programs are most important?

- | | |
|------------------------|-------|
| • Walking | 68.0% |
| • Fitness classes | 47.7% |
| • Dance | 31.4% |
| • Arts/crafts | 30.7% |
| • Rest areas/overlooks | 26.8% |
| • Aquatics | 21.6% |

Approximately 31% of seniors who responded to the survey visit the Senior Center several times a week. More than 40% participate in recreational programming. Walking (68%) was by far the most popular activity, with fitness classes (48%), dance (31%), arts and crafts (30%), rest areas/overlooks (27%), gardening (23%), and aquatics (22%) also ranking high among the respondents. Additional activities mentioned included billiards/pool, horseshoes, shuffleboard, and board games.

Accessibility for Physically Challenged and Special Populations Needs

All city park facilities will be made accessible. The items mentioned as needs for other categories apply equally to special needs populations. Additional special needs programs may be developed as warranted by demand and development of appropriate facilities.



BEDFORD TRAILS EAST

Open Space Needs

Acquisition and protection of open space by incorporating additional parcels into the city parks system will ensure that Bedford residents continue to have access to the outdoors for a variety of recreational and educational purposes. Areas that possess outstanding natural resources and that will remain mostly undeveloped to serve as habitat for wildlife and plant species will be evaluated to determine the best protection strategies, with or without actual acquisition.

The city will incorporate a minimum of 2 acres of open space in each of its acquisition and development projects. The amount of dedicated open space will depend upon each site's acreage, natural features, accessibility, and habitat value. The citizens of Bedford demonstrated in the survey that open space was a high priority (60%) and the city will search for ways to incorporate as much open space as possible into the park system.

Natural Resource Needs

The city has demonstrated its consideration for the importance of including its natural resource base when planning recreational sites and facilities. Identified in both the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and this parks and recreation master plan, the critical need to conserve resource-based sites including creeks, greenways, floodplains, and prairie forest remnants must be a component of any plan affecting future development in the city. Specific sites are noted below:

Monterrey Park - Acquire land for future park development and open space preservation, particularly the Cross Timbers oak forest adjacent to Monterrey Park.

Boys Ranch - Correct drainage and erosion problems in the Boys Ranch by stabilizing and naturalizing the existing creek.

Boys Ranch - Improve the aquatic habitat of the Boys Ranch pond by dredging and introducing riparian plant species.

Boys Ranch - Develop overlooks and native interpretive areas along the Boys Ranch watercourse.

Rehabilitation Needs

As facilities age and deteriorate with use, they are evaluated for safety issues and appropriateness to the evolving needs of the community. The city has identified the following facilities in particular as in need of some degree of rehabilitation:

- *renovate* the Soto Grande tennis courts
- *replace* the roof of the Boys Ranch Activity Center
- *renovate* exercise/weight rooms and meeting/activity rooms at the Boys Ranch Activity Center
- *replace* asphalt surface on the Cheek Sparger trail with concrete
- *replace* or *renovate* one or more facilities at playgrounds city-wide
- *renovate* athletic fields and support facilities city-wide



BEDFORD BOYS RANCH

VII. Plan Implementation and Prioritization of Needs

Perhaps the most important aspect of an implementation plan is the commitment required from elected and appointed officials, city staff, and citizens. The plan must reflect the needs and desires of these individuals in order to be considered a useful tool in directing future decision-making pertaining to the acquisition, development, and management of an adequate parks and recreation system.

Development of Priority Rankings

Based on the goals, needs and desires that have evolved through the research, standards development, and public input in this master plan, rankings for facility development have been prioritized. A number of resources were evaluated in the finalization of these recommendations including:

- surveys of residents, including a separate survey for senior citizens
- City Council recommendations
- Park Board public meeting and workshops
- current and projected demographics
- existing land use and open space opportunities
- city staff priorities
- Texas Parks and Wildlife criteria
- needs assessment findings
- available and projected capital

Funding sources for implementation of these priorities should be a combination of current fund expenditures, bond funds, reserve funds, grants, donations, in-kind services, partnerships, and volunteer participation.

Outdoor Priorities

DISTRICT 1 - NORTH

1. Lake dredging
2. Creek improvements
3. Trails
4. Overlook/interpretive area
5. Disc golf
6. Fishing pier
7. Picnic facilities
8. Playgrounds
9. Dog park
10. Sports/play fields

DISTRICT 2 – SOUTH

1. Trails
2. Land acquisition
3. Sprayground
4. Sand volleyball
5. Picnic facilities
6. Playgrounds
7. Creek improvements
8. Tennis courts

DISTRICT 3 – EAST

1. Trails
2. Creek improvements
3. Land acquisition
4. Sports/play fields
5. Playgrounds

Indoor Priorities (city-wide)

1. Walking track
2. Gymnasium
3. Weight room
4. Senior center
5. Floor exercise area
6. Meeting space
7. Performing arts/cultural center

Implementation Plan

The Implementation Plan identifies specific projects that are critical to address current and future needs. These projects are not prioritized, but do in many cases address the priorities listed previously. In all cases, project completion is contingent upon available funding approved for specific uses. Preliminary cost opinions are included. However, it should be noted that actual costs are unpredictable and subject to final programs, site conditions and market conditions. The city seeks to implement the following projects during the next five years:

Develop a barrier-free playground that promotes interaction between physically challenged and able-bodied children (estimated cost \$400,000).

Continue the beautification of the city's entryways, parks, medians, and other public spaces utilizing modern signage and low maintenance plant material (estimated cost \$200,000).

Acquire land for future park development and open space preservation, where possible and consistent with park needs, particularly the expansion of Monterrey Park (estimated cost \$1,000,000).

Correct drainage and erosion problems in the Boys Ranch by stabilizing and naturalizing the existing creek (estimated cost \$700,000).

Improve the aquatic habitat of the Boys Ranch pond and encourage citizen interaction by dredging and the introduction of riparian plant species (estimated cost \$1,500,000).

Develop overlooks and native interpretive areas along the Boys Ranch watercourse (estimated cost \$250,000).

Collaborate with Bedford youth organizations to develop, renovate and expand athletic fields and support facilities (estimated cost \$2,900,000).

Improve the Boys Ranch Activity Center, including renovations/additions to the exercise/weight rooms, and meeting/activity rooms. Add an elevated indoor track to the gymnasium (estimated cost \$2,000,000).

Improve and expand the pedestrian trail system including the replacement of the asphalt trail on Cheek Sparger and a new connection from the Boys Ranch to Central Park (estimated cost \$800,000).

Continue renovation of playgrounds city-wide using accessible, challenging and safe state-of-the-art equipment (estimated cost \$900,000).

Construct a dog park at a location to be determined (estimated cost \$150,000).

Facility Cost Estimates

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TABLE 7-1

Typical Facility Cost Estimates by Park Classification

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IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATED COST
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
Water/Electric Service	\$10,000
Parking Lot (20 cars)	\$40,000
Playground	\$75,000
Trail (.5 mile, 8' wide)	\$100,000
Basketball Court	\$45,000
Picnic Facilities (5 units)	\$15,000
Practice Athletic Fields	\$45,000
Picnic Shelter	\$45,000
Landscaping/Irrigation	\$20,000
Site Lighting	\$20,000
SUBTOTAL	\$415,000
Bonds/Insurance/General Conditions	\$41,500
Contingency	\$41,500
TOTAL	\$913,000

POCKET PARK	
Water/Electric Service	\$10,000
Playground	\$75,000
Picnic Facilities (5 units)	\$15,000
Shelter	\$50,000
Volleyball Court (unlighted)	\$10,000
Landscaping/Irrigation	\$20,000
Site Lighting	\$40,000
SUBTOTAL	\$220,000
Bonds/Insurance/General Conditions	\$22,000
Contingency	\$22,000
TOTAL	\$264,000

COMMUNITY PARK	
Water/Electric Service	\$10,000
Parking Lot (50 cars)	\$100,000
Playground	\$75,000
Trail (1.5 mile, 8' wide)	\$300,000
Basketball Court	\$45,000
Picnic Facilities (15 units)	\$45,000
Athletic Fields (2 lighted)	\$500,000
Pavilion	\$130,000
Volleyball Court (lighted)	\$20,000
Tennis Courts (2 lighted)	\$150,000
Landscaping/Irrigation	\$40,000
Site Lighting	\$40,000
Restroom	\$150,000
SUBTOTAL	\$1,605,000
Bonds/Insurance/General Conditions	\$160,500
Contingency	\$160,500
TOTAL	\$3,531,000

Local Financing

Sales Taxes: Cities, counties, and special purpose districts (municipal utility districts, recreation districts, economic development zones) all may impose sales taxes. Bedford's current tax rate is 0.2%, collected in addition to state sales tax. (Of that total tax, 1 cent is allocated to the general fund, ½ cent is for property tax relief, and ½ cent funds street improvements.)

Enterprise and Revenue Funds: Many local governmental entities establish accounts which are earmarked for park and recreation programs. These accounts are used to fund programs and to acquire, operate, and maintain facilities. Bedford gives residents the option to donate \$.50 per month to be added to their water bill payment.

General Obligation Bonds: This method involves the taxing power of the jurisdiction pledged to pay the interest and principal to retire the debt. General obligation bonds can

be sold to finance permanent types of improvements, such as park and recreational areas and facilities. The classic public policy argument for use of bonds to support park acquisition and development is that long-term borrowing, bonding, is justified because the project often has a permanent or near-permanent public benefit. In others words, the life of the project likely meets or exceeds the length of time it takes to pay off the bond obligation.

Lease-Purchase: Local governments utilizing this innovative financing approach prepare standards and specifications for the development of a park by a private company. The facility is then leased to the jurisdiction for a specified period of time. Title to the park and facilities can be conveyed to the local government at the end of the lease period without future payments. The rental over time will have paid the total original cost plus interest.

User Fees: User fees may be an effective cost recovery technique to recoup a reasonable portion of the costs to administer, operate, and maintain public parks and open space. Examples of user fees include registration or entry fees for recreational programs, admission to swimming pools, and equipment and facility rental charges.

Other Local Entity Support: Communities often develop their own private mechanisms to help support parks and park programming. A nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax exempt “friends of the parks” organization is one such entity that can raise private funds and muster volunteers to support park improvements and programming. Other options include engaging businesses or community groups in an Adopt-A-Park program to help maintain park facilities. Although no such groups currently exist in Bedford, the city encourages citizens and local businesses to become involved in making the best possible park and recreation system possible for the community.

State and Federal Financing

Federal support for local park initiatives is generally limited to the Land and Water Conservation Fund. In Texas, these park funds are administered in conjunction with the

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Texas Recreation and Parks Account (TRPA). Additional federal funds are available through the Recreational Trails Program, also administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The city will actively pursue appropriate grant funding for outdoor and indoor recreation priorities, trail funding, and programming activities.

Private Financing

The use of incentives to encourage private financing, public-private partnerships, land dedication, or donation can be an effective strategy to develop and maintain a park and recreation system without relying solely on local funds. The city will take advantage of any such funding opportunities as they arise.

Land Donation

Should any property owners be willing to donate land to the city for use as a public park, such donations will be encouraged subject to established guidelines for the acquisition and development of park and recreational areas. Considerations include the suitability of the land for park development, conformance with the objectives of the park plan, approval by the City Council, and the sentiments and desires of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Trust Funds

Individuals may endow a trust fund to support a local park or park system through the establishment of a trust. There are currently no such trusts established in Bedford.

Community Foundations

Community foundations are umbrella organizations authorized by the federal tax code and designed to solicit individual contributions in support of community-wide goals. Bedford falls within the giving area of the Community Foundation of North Texas and the Communities Foundation of Texas.

Private Foundations

Texas is home to over 3,200 private foundations, and there are 75,000 grant-making foundations nationally. Private foundations come in all sizes and have different giving criteria and interests. Some give locally; others give statewide. Some focus on one or two issues, such as disadvantaged youth and education, while others consider a wider range of issues. The city will research foundations that fit local parks and recreational needs and seek funding as appropriate.

APPENDIX A

BEDFORD COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

APPENDIX B

TARRANT COUNTY MAP

APPENDIX C

ZONING MAP

APPENDIX D

DENSITY MAP

APPENDIX E

CENSUS 2000 GENERAL PROFILE AND PROFILE OF SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Chapter I 1990 Census Population and Housing Characteristics (STF 1) for Bedford, Texas

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population	43,762	100.0%	RELATIONSHIP		
SEX AND AGE			Total population	43,762	100.0%
Male	21,439	49.0%	In households	43,537	99.5%
Female	22,323	51.0%	Householder	11,876	27.1%
			Spouse	10,081	23.0%
Under 5 years	3,121	7.1%	Child	13,349	30.5%
5 to 9 years	3,233	7.4%	Natural born or adopted	12,467	28.5%
10 to 14 years	3,032	6.9%	Stepchild	882	2.0%
15 to 19 years	3,029	6.9%	Grandchild	324	0.7%
20 to 24 years	3,345	7.6%	Other relatives	791	1.8%
25 to 34 years	8,902	20.3%	Nonrelatives	359	0.8%
35 to 44 years	8,833	20.2%	In group quarters	225	0.5%
45 to 54 years	5,470	12.5%	Institutionalized population	225	0.5%
55 to 59 years	1,611	3.7%	Noninstitutionalized population	0	0.0%
60 to 64 years	1,146	2.6%			
65 to 74 years	1,272	2.9%	HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
75 to 84 years	571	1.3%	Total households	17,586	100.0%
85 years and over	197	0.5%	Family households (families)	11,876	67.5%
Average age (years)	31.6		With children under 18 years	6,584	37.4%
18 years and over	32,523	74.3%	Married-couple family	10,081	57.3%
21 years and over	30,742	70.2%	With children under 18 years	5,405	30.7%
62 years and over	2,662	6.1%	Female householder, no husband present	1,365	7.8%
65 years and over	2,040	4.7%	With children under 18 years	950	5.4%
			Nonfamily households	5,710	32.5%
			Householder living alone	4,805	27.3%
			Households with individuals under 18 years	6,641	37.8%
			Average household size	2.48	(X)
RACE			HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
White	40,625	92.8%	Total housing units	18,848	100.0%
Black	1,156	2.6%	Occupied housing units	17,586	93.3%
American Indian, Eskimo, or			Owner-occupied housing units	9,666	55.0%
Aleut	191	0.4%	Renter-occupied housing units	7,920	45.0%
Asian	980	2.2%	Vacant housing units	1,262	6.7%
Asian Indian	253	0.6%			
Cambodian	1	0.0%	Average household size of owner-occupied		
Chinese	257	0.6%	units	2.92	(X)
Filipino	81	0.2%	Average household size of renter-occupied		
Japanese	81	0.2%	units	1.93	(X)
Korean	115	0.3%			
Laotian	17	0.0%	UNITS IN STRUCTURE		
Thai	8	0.0%	Single Family	11,100	58.9%
Vietnamese	127	0.3%	1 unit, detached	10,250	54.4%
Other Asian	40	0.1%	1 unit, attached	850	4.5%
Pacific Islander	108	0.2%	Multi-Family	7,694	40.8%
Native Hawaiian	37	0.1%	2 to 4 units	924	4.9%
Guamanian	7	0.0%	5 to 9 units	2,387	12.7%
Samoan	2	0.0%	10 or more units	4,383	23.3%
Tongan	42	0.1%	Mobile home, trailer, other	54	0.3%

Other Pacific Islander	20	0.0%
Other race	702	1.6%

HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE

Total population	43,762	100.0%
Hispanic origin (of any race)	2,023	4.6%
Mexican	1,304	3.0%
Puerto Rican	255	0.6%
Cuban	50	0.1%
Other Hispanic or Latino	414	0.9%
Not Hispanic origin	41,739	95.4%
White	39,339	89.9%
Black	1,129	2.6%
American Indian, Eskimo,		
Aleut	181	0.4%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1,063	2.4%
Other race	27	0.1%

VALUE

Specified owner-occupied units

Less than \$50,000	9,138	100.0%
	184	2.0%
\$50,000 to 99,999	4,923	53.9%
\$100,000 to 149,000	2,628	28.8%
\$150,000 to 199,000	976	10.7%
\$200,000 to 299,999	393	4.3%
\$300,000 or more	34	0.4%
Median home value	\$95,900	(X)

CONTRACT RENT

Specified renter-occupied housing units

Less than \$250	7,826	100.0%
	155	2.0%
\$250 to 499	5,857	74.8%
\$500 to 749	1,377	17.6%
\$750 to 999	318	4.1%
\$1,000 or more	119	1.5%
Median rent	\$396	(X)

For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expstf190.htm>.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau; compiled by the North Central Texas Council of Governments
<http://census.nctcog.org>

CENSUS '90



Census 2000 Profile of General Demographic Characteristics for Bedford, Texas

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population	47,072	100.0%	HOUSEHOLD RELATIONSHIP		
SEX AND AGE			Total population	47,072	100.0%
Male	22,786	48.4%	In households	46,494	98.8%
Under 5 years	1,368	2.9%	Householder	20,317	43.2%
5 to 9 years	1,325	2.8%	Spouse	10,218	21.7%
10 to 14 years	1,530	3.3%	Child	12,359	26.3%
15 to 19 years	1,692	3.6%	Natural-born	10,928	23.2%
20 to 24 years	1,644	3.5%	Adopted	446	0.9%
25 to 34 years	3,640	7.7%	Step	985	2.1%
35 to 44 years	4,056	8.6%	Grandchild	486	1.0%
45 to 54 years	3,784	8.0%	Brother or sister	328	0.7%
55 to 59 years	1,179	2.5%	Parent	322	0.7%
60 to 64 years	1,002	2.1%	Other relatives	560	1.2%
65 to 74 years	1,082	2.3%	Nonrelatives	1,904	4.0%
75 to 84 years	340	0.7%	In group quarters	578	1.2%
85 years and over	144	0.3%	Institutionalized population	564	1.2%
Female	24,286	51.6%	Noninstitutionalized population	14	0.0%
Under 5 years	1,416	3.0%			
5 to 9 years	1,483	3.2%	HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
10 to 14 years	1,297	2.8%	Total households	20,317	100.0%
15 to 19 years	1,561	3.3%	Family households (families)	12,665	62.3%
20 to 24 years	1,647	3.5%	With own children under 18 years	6,085	30.0%
25 to 34 years	3,731	7.9%	Married-couple family	10,218	50.3%
35 to 44 years	4,210	8.9%	With own children under 18 years	4,634	22.8%
45 to 54 years	4,044	8.6%	Female householder, no husband present	1,811	8.9%
55 to 59 years	1,456	3.1%	With own children under 18 years	1,142	5.6%
60 to 64 years	949	2.0%	Nonfamily households	7,652	37.7%
65 to 74 years	1,198	2.5%	Householder living alone	6,421	31.6%
75 to 84 years	905	1.9%	Householder 65 years and over	1,198	5.9%
85 years and over	389	0.8%			
18 years and over	36,665	77.9%	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Male	17,574	37.3%	Total housing units	21,137	100.0%
Female	19,091	40.6%	Occupied housing units	20,254	95.8%
21 years and over	34,811	74.0%	Vacant housing units	883	4.2%
Male	16,620	35.3%	For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	53	0.3%
Female	18,191	38.6%	Homeowner vacancy rate	0.8%	
62 years and over	5,211	11.1%	Rental vacancy rate	7.2%	
Male	2,148	4.6%			
Female	3,063	6.5%	HOUSING TENURE AND HOUSEHOLD SIZE		
RACE			Occupied housing units	20,254	100.0%
White	41,276	87.7%	Owner-occupied housing units	11,160	55.1%
Black or African American	1,742	3.7%	1-person household	1,976	9.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	268	0.6%	2-person household	4,271	21.1%
Asian	1,688	3.6%	3-person household	2,090	10.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	107	0.2%	4-person household	1,924	9.5%
Some other race	1,076	2.3%	5-person household	690	3.4%
Two or more races	915	1.9%	6-or-more-person household	209	1.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE			Renter-occupied housing units	9,094	44.9%
Hispanic or Latino	3,093	100.0%	1-person household	4,420	21.8%
White	1,872	60.5%	2-person household	2,668	13.2%
Black or African American	45	1.5%	3-person household	1,103	5.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0	0.0%	4-person household	625	3.1%
Asian	0	0.0%	5-person household	166	0.8%
			6-or-more-person household	112	0.6%

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%	Average household size	2.30
Some other race	1,005	32.5%	Average household size of owner-occupied units	2.68
Two or more races	171	5.5%	Average household size of renter-occupied units	1.83

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000
Compiled by the North Central Texas Council of Governments



Census 2000 Profile of Selected Economic Characteristics for Bedford, Texas

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
EMPLOYMENT STATUS			INCOME IN 1999		
Population 16 years and over	38,002	100.0%	Households	20,317	100.0%
In labor force	28,959	76.2%	Less than \$10,000	647	3.2%
Civilian labor force	28,932	76.1%	\$10,000 to \$14,999	658	3.2%
Employed	28,276	74.4%	\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,902	9.4%
Unemployed	656	1.7%	\$25,000 to \$34,999	2,741	13.5%
Percent of civilian labor force	2.3%	(X)	\$35,000 to \$49,999	3,301	16.2%
Armed Forces	27	0.1%	\$50,000 to \$74,999	4,208	20.7%
Not in labor force	9,043	23.8%	\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,914	14.3%
			\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,759	13.6%
Females 16 years and over	19,777	100.0%	\$150,000 to \$199,999	784	3.9%
In labor force	13,757	69.6%	\$200,000 or more	403	2.0%
Civilian labor force	13,757	69.6%	Median household income	\$54,436	(X)
Employed	13,406	67.8%	Average household income	\$67,648	(X)
Own children under 6 years	3,426	100.0%	With earnings	18,433	90.7%
All parents in family in labor force	2,196	64.1%	Mean earnings (1)	\$64,524	(X)
			With Social Security income	3,097	15.2%
COMMUTING TO WORK			Mean Social Security income (1)	\$11,412	(X)
Workers 16 years and over	27,876	100.0%	With Supplemental Security Income	264	1.3%
Car, truck, or van - drove alone	24,384	87.5%	Mean Supplemental Security Income (1)	\$6,537	(X)
Car, truck, or van - carpooled	2,234	8.0%	With public assistance income	145	0.7%
Public transportation (including taxicab)	13	0.0%	Mean public assistance income (1)	\$3,592	(X)
Walked	222	0.8%	With retirement income	2,662	13.1%
Other means	161	0.6%	Mean retirement income (1)	\$25,779	(X)
Worked at home	862	3.1%			
Mean travel time to work (minutes) (1)	24.9	(X)	Families	12,665	100.0%
			Less than \$10,000	173	1.4%
Employed civilian population			\$10,000 to \$14,999	234	1.8%
16 years and over	28,276	100.0%	\$15,000 to \$24,999	596	4.7%
OCCUPATION			\$25,000 to \$34,999	1,185	9.4%
Management, professional, and related occupations	11,946	42.2%	\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,660	13.1%
Service occupations	2,889	10.2%	\$50,000 to \$74,999	2,865	22.6%
Sales and office occupations	9,290	32.9%	\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,475	19.5%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	5	0.0%	\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,465	19.5%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	1,747	6.2%	\$150,000 to \$199,999	661	5.2%
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	2,399	8.5%	\$200,000 or more	351	2.8%
			Median family income	\$71,017	(X)
INDUSTRY			Per capita income (1)	\$29,466	(X)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	107	0.4%	Median earnings:		
Construction	1,147	4.1%	Male full-time, year-round workers	\$45,938	(X)
Manufacturing	2,996	10.6%	Female full-time, year-round workers	\$33,012	(X)
Wholesale trade	1,198	4.2%			
Retail trade	3,392	12.0%			
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	3,384	12.0%	Subject	Number below poverty level	Percent below poverty level
Information	1,472	5.2%			
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	3,094	10.9%	POVERTY STATUS IN 1999		
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services	3,185	11.3%	Families	308	2.4%
			With related children under 18 years	239	3.8%
			With related children under 5 years	136	6.3%

Educational, health and social services	4,380	15.5%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	2,064	7.3%
Other services (except public administration)	936	3.3%
Public administration	921	3.3%

CLASS OF WORKER

Private wage and salary workers	23,854	84.4%
Government workers	2,969	10.5%
Self-employed workers in own not- incorporated business	1,378	4.9%
Unpaid family workers	75	0.3%

**Families with female householder,
no husband present**

	136	7.5%
With related children under 18 years	118	9.4%
With related children under 5 years	47	20.2%

Individuals

	1,726	3.7%
18 years and over	1,227	3.4%
65 years and over	198	5.6%
Related children under 18 years	431	4.2%
Related children 5 to 17 years	258	3.4%
Unrelated individuals 15 years and over	754	7.9%

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

(1) If the denominator of a mean value or per capita value is less than 30, then that value is calculated using a rounded aggregate in the numerator.

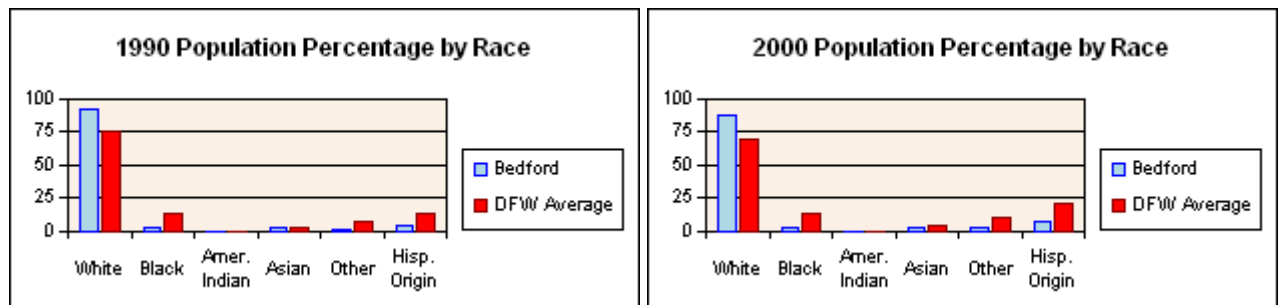
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000
Compiled by the North Central Texas Council of Governments



Chapter 5 Total Population by Race and Hispanic Origin

	1990		2000		Change 1990-2000	
	Persons	% of Total	Persons	% of Total	Change	% Change
Total Population by Race (Hispanics included in all races)	43,762		47,152		3,390	7.7%
White	40,625	92.8%	41,320	87.6%	695	1.7%
Black	1,156	2.6%	1,722	3.7%	566	49.0%
American Indian	191	0.4%	239	0.5%	48	25.1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1,088	2.5%	1,827	3.9%	739	67.9%
Other Race**	702	1.6%	1,151	2.4%	449	64.0%
Two or More Races*	N/A	N/A	893	1.9%	N/A	N/A
		100%		100%		
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	2,023	4.6%	3,403	7.2%	1,380	68.2%

[Click here](#) for a breakdown of races by Hispanic and Non-Hispanic origin



* The 2000 Census provides a new category for persons who are of more than one race. Direct comparisons to 1990 may not be exact.

** Other contains all additional categories not listed in the above groups.

DFW refers to the 16-County North Central Texas Region

Sources: U.S. Census PL94-171 and NCTCOG, March 2001
 North Central Texas Council of Governments, Research and Information Services

Chapter 6 North Central Texas 2030 Demographic Forecast

Chapter 7 City of Bedford

	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Population	47,055*	48,638	48,699	49,434	50,210	50,395	50,636
Households	20,414*	21,143	21,172	21,516	21,821	21,905	21,987
Employment	23,380	24,767	25,594	26,281	26,734	26,740	26,748

All projections based on 2000 city boundaries.

*NCTCOG estimate adjusted from 2000 Census count. Does not include group quarters.

Notes

Projections for all years were finalized in April 2003. While NCTCOG makes a meaningful effort to accurately estimate city-level population and employment projections, there may be instances where the current city population estimate has already surpassed a projection. This could be due to one or more factors.

- Projections are based on 2000 city boundaries and will not account for future growth due to annexations or other expansion.
- Unanticipated growth has occurred since the projections were completed.
- The 2030 Demographic Forecast projections were not originally created at the city level. A demographic model was run using Traffic Survey Zones, which are aggregations of Census block groups. In some cases, traffic survey zones do not cede to city boundaries, therefore it was necessary for NCTCOG staff to proportionally split TSZ population and employment forecasts based on 2000 city boundaries. Because of this, the proportions may not accurately reflect growth in the city.
- Changes in local government policy (i.e greater focus on dense development) and unanticipated infill development have occurred.

New projections are published every five years to address these and other demographic changes. The [2040 Demographic Forecast](#) is currently being created and new projections should be available in the Spring of 2009. To view current city population estimates, [click here](#).

APPENDIX F

PARK DISTRICTS MAP

APPENDIX G

EXISTING FACILITIES

APPENDIX H

FRAMEWORK PLAN

APPENDIX I

GENERAL SURVEY INSTRUMENT

About Parks/Recreation Facilities						
1	<u>How often have you and members of your household visited City of Bedford parks during the past year?</u>	<u>Once/week</u>	<u>Few Times/Month</u>	<u>Once/Month</u>	<u>Few Times/Year</u>	<u>Never</u>
2	<u>How would you rate the physical condition of the parks in Bedford?</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
3	<u>Have you or any other members of your household participated in any programs offered by the City?</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>			
4	<u>How would you rate the recreation programs offered by the City? Would you say</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
5	<u>Overall, how would you rate the parks, recreation opportunities and open space in Bedford?</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Recreation Programs						
6	<u>In which recreation programs or activities would you be most interested in participating?</u>	<u>Baseball</u>	<u>T-Ball</u>	<u>Softball</u>	<u>Soccer</u>	<u>Foot-ball</u>
		<u>Basket-ball</u>	<u>Tennis</u>	<u>Volley-ball</u>	<u>Sand Volleyball</u>	<u>Racquet-ball</u>
		<u>Gym-nastics</u>	<u>In-Line Hockey</u>	<u>Hiking</u>	<u>Biking</u>	<u>Fish-ing</u>
		<u>Swim Lessons</u>	<u>Dance/Drama</u>	<u>Nature Study</u>	<u>Health/Well-ness</u>	<u>Fitness Classes</u>
		<u>Water Exercises</u>	<u>Track/Field</u>	<u>Dance/Drama/Arts</u>	<u>Youth Pro-grams</u>	<u>Adult Programs</u>
		<u>Dog Park</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Other</u>		

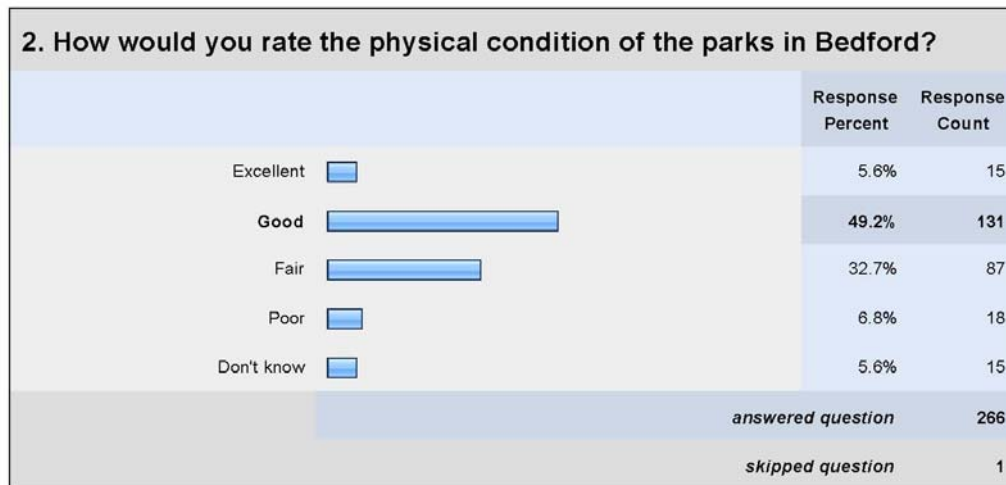
Needed Park and Recreation Facilities						
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		<u>Football Fields</u>	<u>Practice Fields</u>	<u>Tennis Courts</u>	<u>Track/Field</u>	<u>Other</u>
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		<u>Outdoor Pool</u>	<u>Indoor Pool</u>	<u>Open Spaces</u>	<u>Fishing Areas</u>	<u>Shelters/Pavilions</u>
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9	<u>A. How should the City pay for new and added parks and recreation facilities?</u> <u>B. Would you be willing to pay through these funding sources?</u>	<u>Bond Programs</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>User Fees</u>	<u>Other</u>	
		Yes _____ No _____	Yes ____ No ____	Yes ____ No ____		
10	<u>Do you feel the City should make it a priority to acquire more park land/open space?</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>			
Household Information						
1	<u>How long have you been a resident in</u>	<u>Less than</u>	<u>2-5</u>	<u>6-10</u>	<u>11-20</u>	<u>Over 20</u>

1	<u>the City?</u>	<u>2 Years</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Years</u>
1 2	<u>How many people live in your home?</u>	<u>One</u>	<u>Two</u>	<u>Three</u>	<u>Four</u>	<u>Five</u>
		<u>Six or More</u>				
1 3	<u>Your age?</u>	<u>Under 18</u>	<u>19-24</u>	<u>25-34</u>	<u>35-44</u>	<u>45-54</u>
		<u>55-64</u>	<u>65-74</u>	<u>75 or over</u>		
1 4	<u>How many children live with you in each of the following groups?</u>	<u>Pre School/- Young</u>	<u>Elemen- tary School</u>	<u>Middle School</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College or Older</u>
		<u>Total Children at Home</u>				
1 5	<u>Where in Bedford do you live?</u>	North of Airport Freeway_____		South of Airport Freeway_____		
		East of SH 121_____		Resident of another city_____		
1 6	<u>What is the single most important issue or need concerning Parks and Recreation?</u>					






APPENDIX J

GENERAL SURVEY FINDINGS



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3. Overall, how would you rate the parks, recreation opportunities and open spaces in Bedford?





















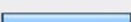



	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent 	6.4%	17
Good 	45.9%	122
Fair 	34.2%	91
Poor 	8.6%	23
Don't know 	4.9%	13
<i>answered question</i>		266
<i>skipped question</i>		1





4. Have you or any other member of your household participated in any recreation or special event programs offered by the City?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	64.3%	171
No 	35.7%	95
<i>answered question</i>		266
<i>skipped question</i>		1



6. In which recreation programs or activities would you most be interested in participating?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Baseball		13.5%	36
T-ball		9.0%	24
Softball		9.4%	25
Soccer		16.5%	44
Football		4.5%	12
Basketball		9.0%	24
Tennis		16.2%	43
Volleyball		7.1%	19
Sand volleyball		12.8%	34
Raquetball		9.8%	26
Gymnastics		7.5%	20
In-line hockey		2.3%	6
Hiking		20.3%	54
Biking		24.8%	66
Fishing		16.2%	43
Swim lessons		17.7%	47
Dance/Drama		14.7%	39
Nature study		15.0%	40
Health/wellness		31.6%	84
Fitness classes		36.1%	96
Water exercise		27.1%	72
Track/field		4.1%	11
Arts		22.9%	61
Youth programs		16.9%	45

Adult programs		25.9%	69
Dog Park		36.1%	96
None		7.1%	19
Other (please specify)		11.7%	31
answered question			266
skipped question			1




7. Do you feel there is a need to add or expand any of the following athletic facilities to existing/future parks?

	Definitely need	Somewhat need	Not needed	No opinion	Response Count
Volleyball courts	10.3% (23)	21.0% (47)	20.5% (46)	48.2% (108)	224
Sand volleyball courts	17.1% (40)	20.5% (48)	22.2% (52)	40.2% (94)	234
Basketball courts	15.2% (34)	20.2% (45)	17.5% (39)	47.1% (105)	223
Baseball fields	22.1% (51)	16.0% (37)	22.5% (52)	39.4% (91)	231
Softball fields	16.3% (36)	18.6% (41)	23.1% (51)	42.1% (93)	221
Soccer fields	20.6% (47)	23.2% (53)	18.0% (41)	38.2% (87)	228
Football fields	8.1% (17)	17.2% (36)	26.8% (56)	47.8% (100)	209
Practice fields	21.3% (49)	19.6% (45)	17.0% (39)	42.2% (97)	230
Tennis courts	18.4% (41)	20.6% (46)	22.0% (49)	39.0% (87)	223
Track/Field	10.9% (22)	14.9% (30)	23.4% (47)	50.7% (102)	201
Other (please specify)					36
answered question					266
skipped question					1




8. Do you feel there is a need to add or expand the following recreational facilities to existing/future parks?

	Definitely need	Somewhat need	Not needed	No opinion	Response Count
Multi-purpose center	40.1% (89)	27.0% (60)	15.8% (35)	17.1% (38)	222
Water play	27.9% (56)	23.4% (47)	27.9% (56)	20.9% (42)	201
Senior center	26.2% (55)	28.1% (59)	19.0% (40)	26.7% (56)	210
Hike/bike trails	52.9% (118)	22.0% (49)	11.7% (26)	13.5% (30)	223
Skateboard park	11.1% (22)	28.6% (57)	29.6% (59)	30.7% (61)	199
Outdoor pool	20.2% (40)	21.7% (43)	32.3% (64)	25.8% (51)	198
Indoor pool	33.5% (70)	24.4% (51)	22.0% (46)	20.1% (42)	209
Open spaces	38.3% (79)	26.2% (54)	16.5% (34)	18.9% (39)	206
Fishing areas	25.9% (51)	21.3% (42)	27.9% (55)	24.9% (49)	197
Shelters/pavilions	38.3% (82)	34.6% (74)	12.1% (26)	15.0% (32)	214
Playgrounds	34.8% (70)	31.3% (63)	12.4% (25)	21.4% (43)	201
Botanic garden	30.0% (63)	30.5% (64)	20.5% (43)	19.0% (40)	210
Other (please specify)					35
answered question					266
skipped question					1

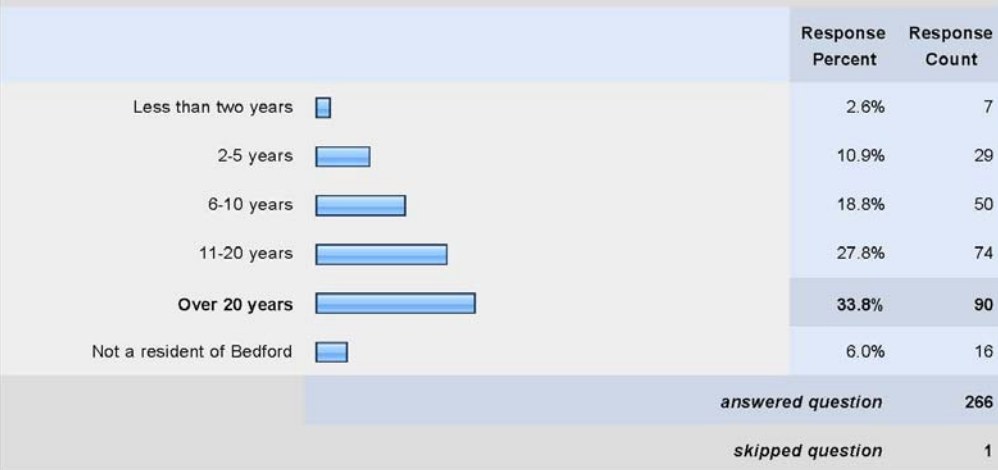
9. Do you feel the City should make it a priority to aquire more park land/open space?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	60.2%	160
No 	23.3%	62
No opinion 	16.5%	44
<i>answered question</i>		266
<i>skipped question</i>		1

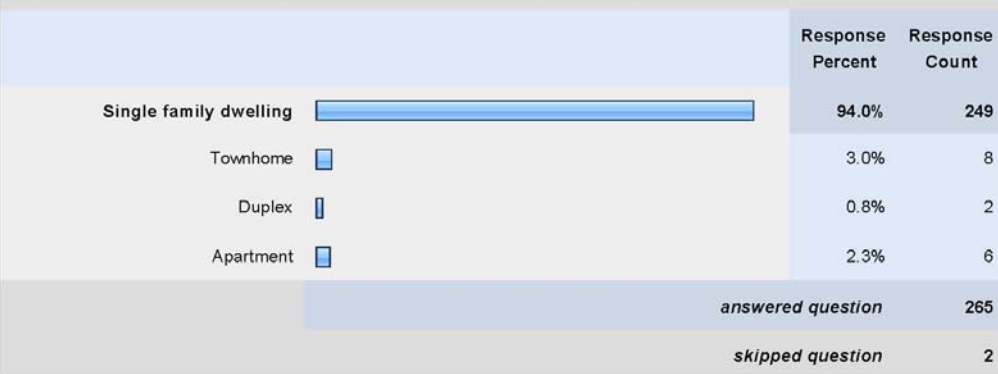
10. How should the City pay for new and added parks and recreation facilities?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Bond programs 	59.0%	147
General fund 	43.4%	108
User fees 	36.1%	90
Other (please specify)		25
<i>answered question</i>		249
<i>skipped question</i>		18

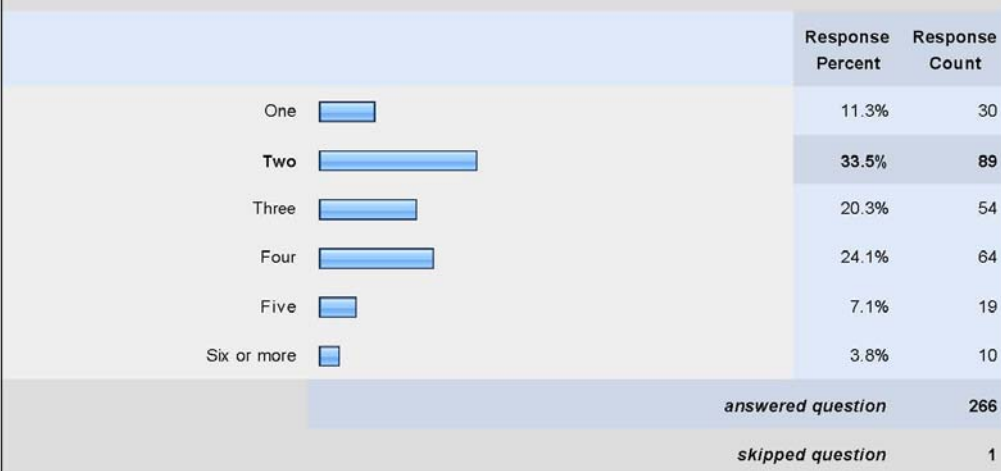
11. How long have you been a resident of the City of Bedford?



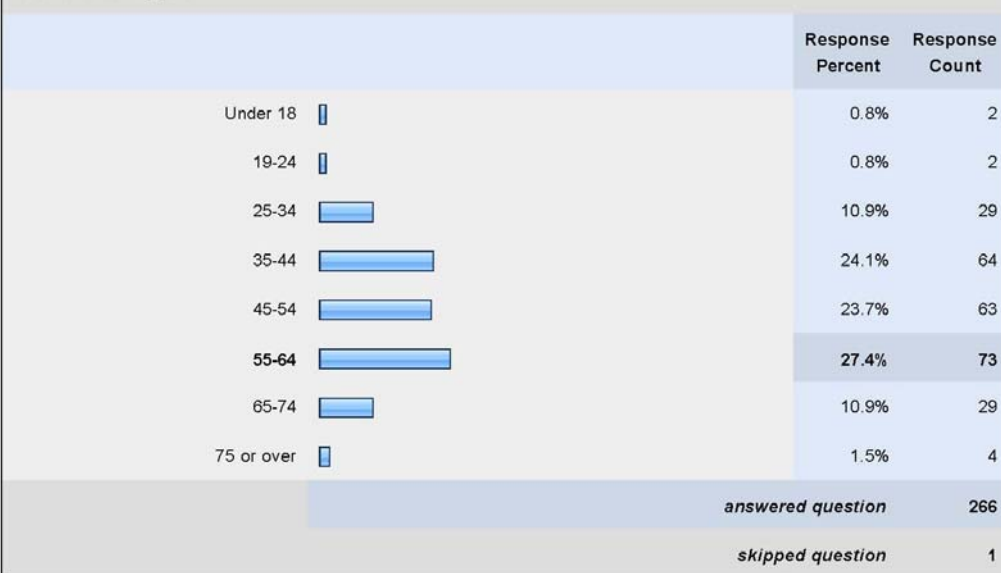
12. Which answer best describes where you live?



13. How many people live in your home?







14. Your age?



15. How many children live with you in each of the following age groups?

	Zero	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six or more	Response Count
Pre-school or younger	80.6% (154)	14.7% (28)	4.7% (9)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	191
Elementary school	71.1% (145)	16.2% (33)	11.3% (23)	1.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (1)	204
Middle school	82.7% (153)	15.7% (29)	1.6% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	185
High school	79.5% (147)	17.3% (32)	3.2% (6)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	185
College or Older	69.4% (134)	20.7% (40)	8.3% (16)	1.0% (2)	0.5% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	193
<i>answered question</i>								253
<i>skipped question</i>								14

16. Where do you live in Bedford?

	Response Percent	Response Count
North of Airport Freeway 	67.7%	180
South of Airport Freeway 	18.8%	50
East of 121 	7.1%	19
Not a resident of Bedford 	6.4%	17
<i>answered question</i>		266
<i>skipped question</i>		1

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Do you feel there is a need to add or expand the following recreational facilities to existing/future parks?

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Jul 22, 2010 10:36 PM	regarding pools-there is much need for more adult pools as in size and activity
2	Jul 26, 2010 5:46 PM	Disc golf courses are cheap and gaining in popularity!...see NRH & Euless
3	Jul 26, 2010 9:01 PM	Park connections is important...getting from one park to another on a bike or walking is important, especially connecting Central Park south of 183 to parks north of 183. Crossing 183 is scary.
4	Jul 26, 2010 9:09 PM	repair/ upgrade existing facilities
5	Jul 30, 2010 7:49 PM	We NEED A DOG PARK in Bedford Trails West Park
6	Aug 2, 2010 3:52 PM	Dog Park Needed
7	Aug 2, 2010 4:08 PM	area for dogs to run
8	Aug 2, 2010 5:23 PM	Dog Park is definitely needed
9	Aug 2, 2010 6:14 PM	DOG PARKS!!!!!!
10	Aug 2, 2010 7:17 PM	playgrounds need to be shaded, more water fountains (or have them working) and lights on trails
11	Aug 2, 2010 7:30 PM	Nicer Fitness Gym
12	Aug 4, 2010 9:28 PM	teaching and education center for youth and seniors where they can inter act.
13	Aug 4, 2010 10:04 PM	indoor tennis courts--none in Mid-cities area
14	Aug 5, 2010 3:18 PM	25 meter lap pool
15	Aug 6, 2010 3:37 PM	Bathroom facilities should be updated at the BBR
16	Aug 6, 2010 8:39 PM	better restrooms
17	Aug 7, 2010 7:14 PM	Dogpark
18	Aug 8, 2010 2:19 AM	I feel that Bedford does not adequately maintain the facilities they have. That is more important than acquiring new ones.
19	Aug 8, 2010 8:27 PM	Landscaping with trees, bushes and lots of colorful flowers
20	Aug 9, 2010 4:14 PM	A new building for Boys ranch would be the best thing
21	Aug 12, 2010 5:21 PM	Benches and Restrooms more available to visitors!!!
22	Aug 12, 2010 5:55 PM	Park Benches and Easy Acces to Rest Rooms at field north of lake
23	Aug 12, 2010 6:59 PM	Would love more benches and bathrooms at the boys ranch
24	Aug 12, 2010 7:06 PM	lap pool & walking track inside
25	Aug 12, 2010 7:18 PM	Better restrooms accessible in the evenings and better lighting. We use the park after work and late into the evenings and run into problems when the BBR activity center is closed. No bathrooms are available.

26	Aug 13, 2010 12:47 AM	convenient restrooms
27	Aug 13, 2010 2:01 AM	plant more trees for shade for hiking/picnics/build a forest
28	Aug 13, 2010 1:32 PM	we would like to see more emphasis placed upon the care of the trees on north Central Drive. We were highly pleased when the landscape was included and very disappointed to see some of them die and stressed from the lack of maintenance.
29	Aug 13, 2010 6:03 PM	more soccer fields
30	Aug 13, 2010 6:52 PM	Dog park
31	Aug 13, 2010 8:18 PM	restrooms
32	Aug 13, 2010 8:26 PM	bathrooms by pavilions
33	Aug 13, 2010 8:57 PM	native flora and fauna only please
34	Aug 15, 2010 4:45 PM	Please add a dog park to bedford boys ranch
35	Aug 16, 2010 2:53 AM	Keller, Flower Mound have great biking walking trails

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3	Jul 22, 2010 1:31 PM	I know pepole who have left Bedford because the seniors didnt want their taxes increased and because no one would was willing to improve the Sotogrande tennis facility.
4	Jul 22, 2010 10:36 PM	no opinion not sure which are most utilized
5	Jul 23, 2010 12:12 AM	raquetball
6	Jul 25, 2010 8:16 PM	Cycling path connections similar to River Legacy
7	Jul 26, 2010 4:13 PM	Indoor walking track
8	Jul 26, 2010 4:33 PM	Our baseball fields are a joke compared to the surrounding communities. It is quite embarrassing honestly. I grew up with my parents playing at Bedford Boys Ranch and the bathrooms and concession are the EXACT same, we need a complex like Hurst or Euless that we can be proud of and that can bring in money for our city with big tournaments.
9	Jul 26, 2010 5:46 PM	Disc Golf courses needed!!!
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12	Jul 28, 2010 1:17 PM	Dog parks
13	Aug 2, 2010 4:08 PM	walking and biking trails
14	Aug 2, 2010 7:17 PM	I can not provide an opinion sincel do not use any of these fields/courts
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25	Aug 8, 2010 6:36 PM	Exercise/fitness equipment
26	Aug 10, 2010 6:25 PM	dog park is definitely needed
27	Aug 12, 2010 3:05 PM	Add a dog park for off leash play.

28	Aug 12, 2010 5:43 PM	track for jogging/walking/exercise
29	Aug 12, 2010 5:55 PM	Large Field North of Lake needs mosquito fogging
30	Aug 12, 2010 7:03 PM	more park restrooms
31	Aug 12, 2010 9:11 PM	indoor heated salt-water pool and hot tub for year around
32	Aug 13, 2010 12:47 AM	More open field play areas - benches near parking
33	Aug 13, 2010 1:32 PM	all facilities
34	Aug 13, 2010 3:52 PM	youth skate board park
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1	Jul 21, 2010 4:25 PM	boot camp type exercise program
2	Jul 22, 2010 1:31 PM	I think its a shame that soto grande has become such an eye sore for the co.,imcity of Euless Bedford to my understanding owns the property but has ignore it and is has become a wasteland. Something should be done about this.
3	Jul 26, 2010 9:27 PM	Running trails that are not concrete!
4	Jul 27, 2010 10:49 PM	Tai Chi
5	Jul 28, 2010 1:17 PM	Golf if we had one
6	Jul 28, 2010 1:23 PM	computer & technology
7	Aug 2, 2010 3:52 PM	Frisbee (Disc) Golf
8	Aug 2, 2010 7:30 PM	Nicer Fitness Gym
9	Aug 2, 2010 10:38 PM	indoor running with matted floors, dedicated basket ball area bball only!!!
10	Aug 3, 2010 6:09 PM	used workout room
11	Aug 3, 2010 9:54 PM	Pickle Ball
12	Aug 3, 2010 10:41 PM	walking trails
13	Aug 4, 2010 9:28 PM	Youth, adult and Senior Art teaching
14	Aug 4, 2010 10:04 PM	golf putting/chipping green--lessons
15	Aug 5, 2010 2:29 PM	classes such as photography
16	Aug 5, 2010 3:18 PM	Bike trails
17	Aug 8, 2010 6:36 PM	Table tennis
18	Aug 9, 2010 4:14 PM	We definately need a dog park
19	Aug 12, 2010 3:05 PM	Dog Splash and July 4th Celebration
20	Aug 12, 2010 5:21 PM	Medieval Reenactment (every Wednesday night!)
21	Aug 12, 2010 5:43 PM	Bring back clogging lessons
22	Aug 12, 2010 5:55 PM	Local Not For Profit Meeting Wed. Nights
23	Aug 12, 2010 6:59 PM	SCA Practices and Events
24	Aug 12, 2010 7:03 PM	ultimate frisbee
25	Aug 12, 2010 7:18 PM	Fencing
26	Aug 13, 2010 12:57 AM	SCA Combat
27	Aug 13, 2010 2:01 AM	migratory birdwatch
28	Aug 13, 2010 3:52 PM	Youth skate park
29	Aug 13, 2010 4:29 PM	cooking
30	Aug 15, 2010 11:32 PM	Acting
31	Aug 16, 2010 2:53 AM	walking

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How should the City pay for new and added parks and recreation facilities?

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Jul 19, 2010 3:20 PM	How do Hurst and Euless pay for theirs? Maybe that system could be implemented in Bedford.
2	Jul 22, 2010 10:36 PM	I believe a combination of the above is warranted. User fee are definitely okay
3	Jul 26, 2010 11:41 PM	Events to raise money ie concerts
4	Jul 27, 2010 3:23 AM	No NEW TAXES! Find Federal funds to improve our city
5	Jul 27, 2010 10:49 PM	sponsors: corporate/business and private
6	Aug 2, 2010 3:52 PM	Use a mixture of all of the above - bonds for major expenses, general fund for small/minor additions and operational expenses, and user fees at some of the facilities and recreation programs where applicable.
7	Aug 2, 2010 3:57 PM	Please develop land just east of old library as a park, keeping the trees and wild area. Would be great area for seniors or just a wildlife park area.
8	Aug 2, 2010 10:38 PM	yearly fee, members fee
9	Aug 3, 2010 5:51 PM	Do NOT raise taxes
10	Aug 4, 2010 2:18 AM	Cut wasteful spending in the budget
11	Aug 4, 2010 12:38 PM	bathrooms and water fountains in the parks!
12	Aug 4, 2010 1:15 PM	Should NOT have added expense
13	Aug 4, 2010 2:13 PM	Grants, fundraising
14	Aug 4, 2010 9:28 PM	Pride development moneys coupled with some user fees and local business partisipation.
15	Aug 4, 2010 10:04 PM	grants
16	Aug 5, 2010 3:18 PM	add \$1.00 to water bill
17	Aug 6, 2010 8:58 PM	No additional park space needs to be added. Reduce Taxes!
18	Aug 9, 2010 4:14 PM	I will pay for top quality recreation...it will also attract new residents
19	Aug 12, 2010 3:05 PM	Donations and special funding drives.
20	Aug 12, 2010 5:21 PM	I have no expertise in how this is usually done
21	Aug 12, 2010 6:01 PM	User fees are too high when compared to nearby cities (Splash!)
22	Aug 12, 2010 7:03 PM	fundraisers
23	Aug 12, 2010 9:11 PM	grants/philanthropers
24	Aug 13, 2010 6:42 PM	Advertisement
25	Aug 13, 2010 6:55 PM	economy is down....no added expenditures at this time

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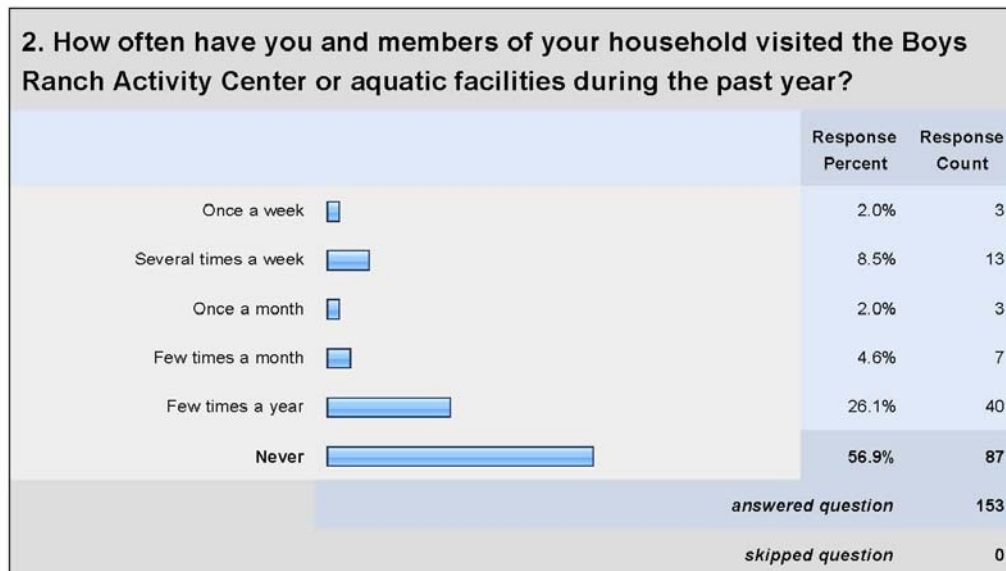
SENIOR SURVEY INSTRUMENT

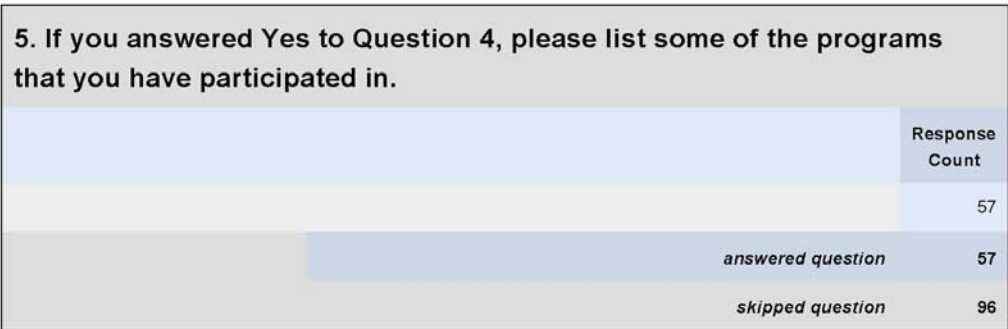
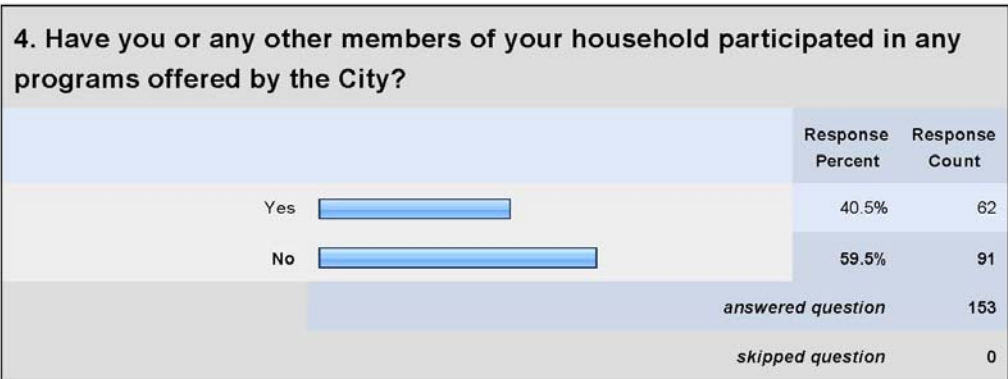
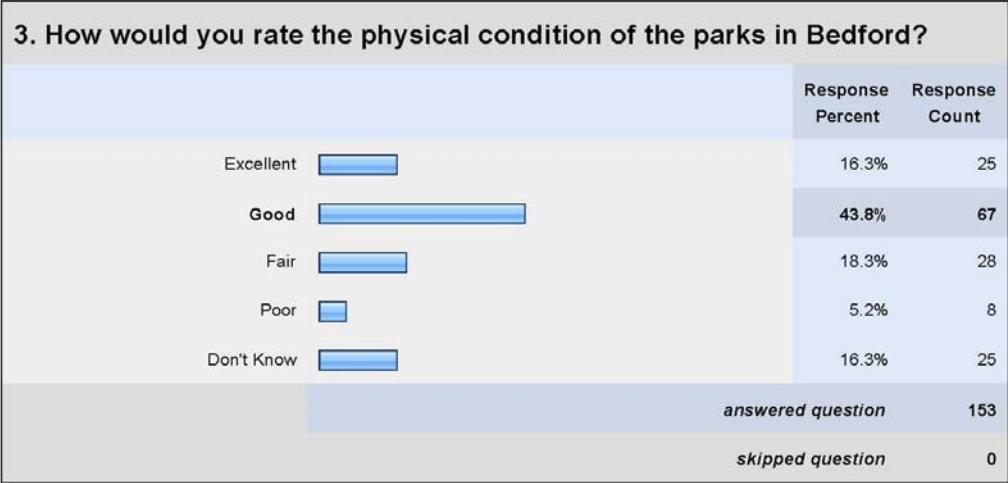
About Parks/Recreation Facilities					
1	<u>How often have you and members of your household visited the Senior Recreation Center during the past year?</u>	<u>Once/week</u>	<u>Few Times/Month</u>	<u>Once/Month</u>	<u>Few Times/Year</u> <u>Never</u>
2	<u>How often have you and members of your household visited the Bedford Recreation/Aquatic Center during the past year?</u>	<u>Once/week</u>	<u>Few Times/Month</u>	<u>Once/Month</u>	<u>Few Times/Year</u> <u>Never</u>
3	<u>How would you rate the physical condition of the parks in Bedford?</u>	<u>Ex-cellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u> <u>Don't Know</u>
4	<u>Have you or any other members of your household participated in any programs offered by the City?</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Which Programs?</u>	
5	<u>How would you rate the recreation programs offered at the Senior Recreation Center? Would you say</u>	<u>Ex-cellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u> <u>Don't Know</u>
6	<u>How would you rate the recreation programs offered at the Bedford Recreation/Aquatic Center? Would you say</u>	<u>Ex-cellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u> <u>Don't Know</u>
Recreation Programs					
6	<u>In which recreation programs or activities would you be most interested in participating?</u>	<u>Walk-ing</u>	<u>Bil-liards/-Pool</u>	<u>Rest Areas/Over-looks</u>	<u>Gar-den</u> <u>Craft</u>
		<u>Horse-shoes</u>	<u>Shuffle-board</u>	<u>Checkers/Chess</u>	<u>Dance</u> <u>Aqua-tics</u>
		<u>Other</u>			

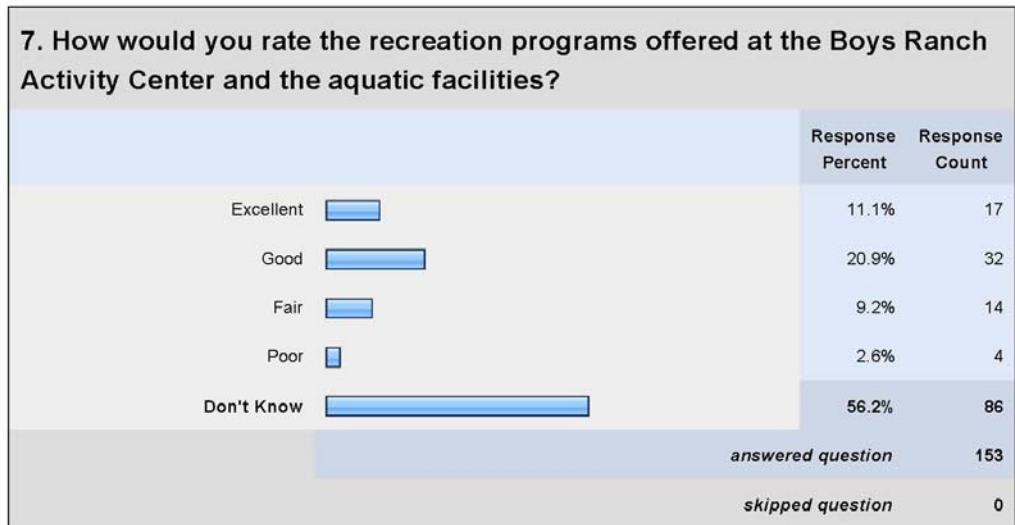
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SENIOR SURVEY FINDINGS

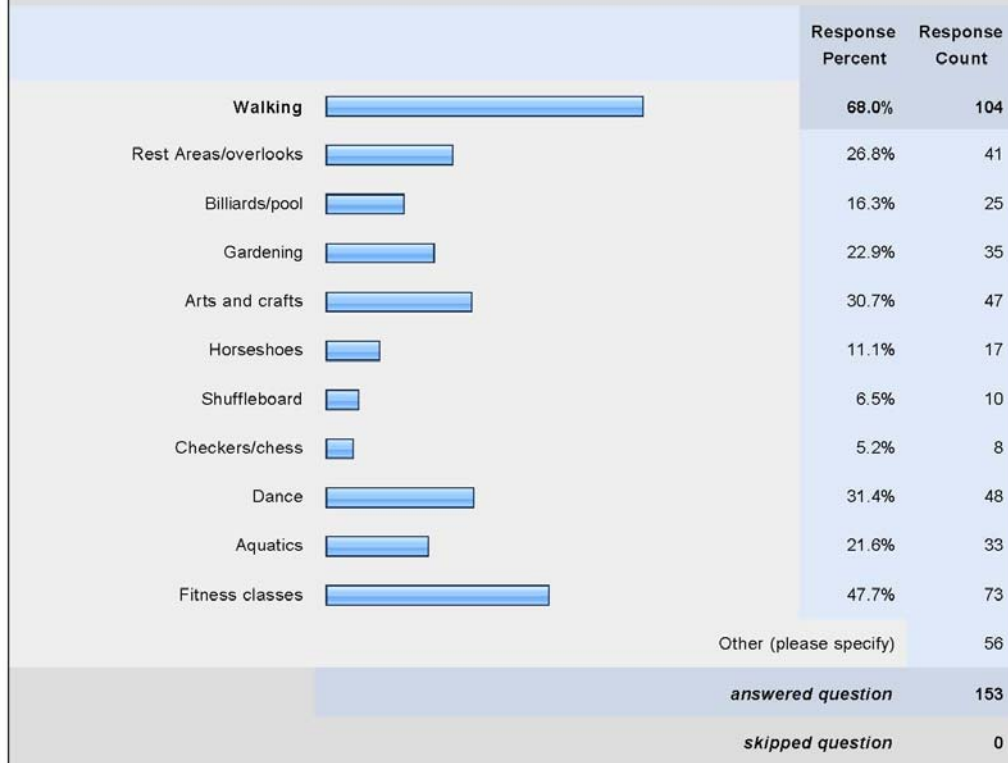
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8. Please select all of the recreation programs or activities you would be most interested in participating?



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If you answered Yes to Question 4, please list some of the programs that you have participated in.

Answer Options	Response Count
	57
<i>answered question</i>	57
<i>skipped question</i>	96

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Jul 19, 2010 7:34 PM	bedford 2005
2	Jul 20, 2010 1:25 AM	water walking
		Christmas Children's program several years ago, used gym for exercise once, helped with 4th July parade couple of years. Somewhere in community for 4th July
3	Jul 27, 2010 3:07 PM	fireworks-some of best in NE Tarrant. holiday events]
4	Jul 27, 2010 10:51 PM	walking around the lake
5	Jul 28, 2010 1:12 PM	Line dancing on Mon. and Senior dances. fishing, computer classes, old bedford
6	Jul 28, 2010 1:26 PM	school activities, 4th of July, Sr center
7	Aug 2, 2010 3:51 PM	Music nights at Old Bedford School.
8	Aug 2, 2010 5:54 PM	Instruct and photograph at Senior Center Bedford Parks & Community Services membership]
		Library]
		Senior dances]
9	Aug 2, 2010 6:03 PM	Bedford School House concerts & mystery dinners
10	Aug 2, 2010 6:17 PM	painting, water aerobics, children's dance classes
11	Aug 3, 2010 5:30 PM	Gym and Exercise area]
12	Aug 4, 2010 1:38 AM	Back Stage Group
		Gym
		fitness classes]
13	Aug 5, 2010 3:34 AM	pool]
		holiday activities
14	Aug 6, 2010 12:34 AM	basketball, rec center, pool table, festivals, hiking trail.
		BRAC, Senior Computer classes, Defensive driver class for]
15	Aug 7, 2010 7:41 PM	seniors, Bedford On Stage, library at least once a week
16	Aug 10, 2010 2:55 PM	4 Fest]
17	Aug 10, 2010 4:47 PM	Halloween
		Excercise

		Sr. Bridge]
		Water Aerobics]
18	Aug 10, 2010 4:51 PM	Onstage
19	Aug 10, 2010 4:55 PM	Grandchildren Programs
20	Aug 10, 2010 4:56 PM	Bridge on stage.
21	Aug 10, 2010 4:56 PM	Bridge on stage.
22	Aug 10, 2010 4:56 PM	Sr. Bridge on stage
23	Aug 10, 2010 4:58 PM	On Stage Bridge
24	Aug 10, 2010 5:00 PM	Bridge
25	Aug 10, 2010 5:01 PM	Bridge
26	Aug 10, 2010 5:01 PM	BRIDGE
27	Aug 10, 2010 5:05 PM	Bridge game
28	Aug 10, 2010 5:07 PM	BRIDGE
29	Aug 10, 2010 5:15 PM	Play duplicate bridge once a week
30	Aug 10, 2010 5:16 PM	Fireworks
31	Aug 10, 2010 5:17 PM	Senior center and water aerobics
32	Aug 10, 2010 5:22 PM	Bridge
33	Aug 10, 2010 5:24 PM	Driving course
34	Aug 10, 2010 5:26 PM	China Painting Ceramic Painting
35	Aug 10, 2010 5:28 PM	Bedford Beautification
36	Aug 10, 2010 5:29 PM	monday night line dancing
37	Aug 10, 2010 5:30 PM	guitar classes
38	Aug 10, 2010 5:32 PM	music jams at the sr center and drivers ed
39	Aug 10, 2010 5:33 PM	Excercise, Luncheons
40	Aug 10, 2010 5:35 PM	Ceramic, Music, Narfe
		Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July
		picnic/Fireworks,]
41	Aug 10, 2010 5:48 PM	Water Aerobics
42	Aug 10, 2010 5:55 PM	Duplicate Bridge
43	Aug 10, 2010 5:56 PM	Senior Center
44	Aug 10, 2010 5:57 PM	Dance Exercise Line Dancing
		volunteerin]
		dolls]
		ceramics]
45	Aug 10, 2010 5:58 PM	line dancing
46	Aug 10, 2010 6:29 PM	Citizen Police Academy, Fourth of July
		Tai Che]
47	Aug 11, 2010 1:41 AM	Kyaking
		Water Exercise at the Bedford Central Park
		pool with Millie Parks - it is excellent and
		she makes exercising so much fun. One
		concern though is that several times this
		year already there has been no lifeguard
		with a key to open the gate - and we seniors
		(55 - 92) are left standing in the heat or in
		our cars waiting patiently. Give a key to
48	Aug 11, 2010 10:27 PM	several lifeguards to alleviate that problem.
49	Aug 12, 2010 12:06 AM	Senior Center programs
50	Aug 12, 2010 7:16 PM	Bedford library

51	Aug 12, 2010 7:24 PM	Use of Guild Building (Boy's Ranch Park) as long time member of the Trinity Arts Photo Club
52	Aug 12, 2010 9:21 PM	Citizens Police AcademyII
53	Aug 13, 2010 12:48 AM	Citizens Fire Academy Theater
54	Aug 13, 2010 3:09 PM	Jazzercise
		Question #3 Monterrey Park. See you never ask the right questions in the surveys. I keep telling about the water problem. Waters the Monterrey Street at 3 A.M. from the park.
55	Aug 14, 2010 7:10 AM	NOBODY does anything to fix it!
56	Aug 15, 2010 5:04 AM	AARP TAX ASSISTANCE
57	Aug 15, 2010 4:47 PM	Scrapbooking

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Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Walking	68.0%	104
Rest Areas/overlooks	26.8%	41
Billiards/pool	16.3%	25
Gardening	22.9%	35
Arts and crafts	30.7%	47
Horseshoes	11.1%	17
Shuffleboard	6.5%	10
Checkers/chess	5.2%	8
Dance	31.4%	48
Aquatics	21.6%	33
Fitness classes	47.7%	73
Other (please specify)		56
answered question		153
skipped question		0

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Jul 19, 2010 7:34 PM	Stop spending tax dollars on social issues.
2	Jul 22, 2010 2:11 AM	computer lessons
3	Jul 22, 2010 2:18 AM	Other Card Games
4	Jul 22, 2010 10:13 PM	quilting
5	Jul 28, 2010 1:26 PM	playing cards & dominoes
6	Jul 28, 2010 5:01 PM	tennis
7	Aug 2, 2010 3:40 PM	why is Hurst's gym/exercise facility so much better
8	Aug 2, 2010 4:10 PM	cards/dominos
9	Aug 2, 2010 5:54 PM	Digital photography
10	Aug 2, 2010 6:03 PM	book reviews
11	Aug 2, 2010 6:17 PM	more craft variety possibly with instruction
12	Aug 2, 2010 6:32 PM	flee market sale to support senior cntr
13	Aug 2, 2010 8:42 PM	Shady areas with tables and benches to sit and read.
14	Aug 3, 2010 5:30 PM	Golf
15	Aug 3, 2010 9:57 PM	Pickle Ball Courts
16	Aug 4, 2010 1:38 AM	Grounds upkeep needs to be done better. Needs to go private as in Hurst and Euless?
17	Aug 4, 2010 3:48 AM	duplicate bridge
18	Aug 4, 2010 9:31 PM	Teaching art to youth and seniors.

19	Aug 5, 2010 2:32 PM	Events for ACTIVE, newly retired - travel day trips - not potluck and bingo
20	Aug 6, 2010 2:19 PM	walking or jogging on non-cement paths
21	Aug 10, 2010 4:04 PM	Senior basketball
22	Aug 10, 2010 4:47 PM	Cards
23	Aug 10, 2010 4:51 PM	Duplicate Bridge
24	Aug 10, 2010 4:56 PM	Bridge
25	Aug 10, 2010 4:56 PM	Bridge
26	Aug 10, 2010 4:56 PM	Bridge
27	Aug 10, 2010 4:58 PM	Bridge Bridge
28	Aug 10, 2010 5:00 PM	Bridge
29	Aug 10, 2010 5:01 PM	BRIDGE
30	Aug 10, 2010 5:01 PM	BRIDGE
31	Aug 10, 2010 5:05 PM	Bridge game
32	Aug 10, 2010 5:05 PM	BRIDGE
33	Aug 10, 2010 5:07 PM	BRIDGE
34	Aug 10, 2010 5:07 PM	Where is bridge? BRIDGE
35	Aug 10, 2010 5:08 PM	Bridge
36	Aug 10, 2010 5:09 PM	bridge
37	Aug 10, 2010 5:15 PM	Duplicate Bridge
38	Aug 10, 2010 5:20 PM	Movies, Bingo, Travel
39	Aug 10, 2010 5:27 PM	Bridge
40	Aug 10, 2010 5:28 PM	Bridge game
41	Aug 10, 2010 5:29 PM	guitar
42	Aug 10, 2010 5:30 PM	guitar classes
43	Aug 10, 2010 5:30 PM	guitar classes
44	Aug 10, 2010 5:32 PM	jam music sessions
45	Aug 10, 2010 5:35 PM	Bingo, Shows
46	Aug 10, 2010 5:44 PM	Duplicate Bridge
47	Aug 10, 2010 5:45 PM	Need Wi-Fi
48	Aug 10, 2010 5:48 PM	Sign language classes
49	Aug 10, 2010 5:55 PM	duplicate bridge
50	Aug 10, 2010 5:56 PM	Bridge
51	Aug 10, 2010 5:58 PM	Bridge
52	Aug 12, 2010 5:25 PM	Tennis,
53	Aug 12, 2010 7:13 PM	Boys Ranch is poor because it has no restrooms
54	Aug 13, 2010 12:44 PM	card group - canasta
55	Aug 15, 2010 4:47 PM	Please add a dog park to Bedford Boys Ranch
56	Aug 16, 2010 4:23 PM	bridge